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## Upcoming Events

**Lowak Sho' li**
Oct. 13, 6 p.m.
Chickasaw Community Center,
Ada, Okla.
(580) 272-5520

**Fall Festival**
Oct. 15
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

**Movie Night at the Museums**
Oct. 15, 7 p.m.
Boggy Depot, Atoka, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

**Spooky Tales**
(580) 272-5520
- Oct. 20, 6 p.m.
o Boggy Depot, Atoka
- Oct. 21, 6 p.m.
o Arts & Humanities' Black Box Theatre, Ada
- Oct. 22, 6 p.m.
o Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur
- Oct. 23, 4 p.m.
o Exhibit C, Oklahoma City

**Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop**
Oct. 21, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

**Halloween Canvas Paint**
Oct. 22, 6-8 p.m.
Arts and Humanities Building
Ada
(580) 272-7781

**Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop**
Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

**Harvest Fest**
Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Chickasaw White House
Milburn, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

**Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop**
Oct. 23, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

**Halloween Canvas Paint**
Oct. 29, 6-8 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

**Multitribal Celebration**
Nov. 5
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

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This photograph montage is from the first days of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival. Junior Olympics, Pontotoc Pursuit bicycle ride, Festival golf tournament, stickball match, stomp dance and Cornstalk Shoot are featured here. Many more photos of Annual Meeting & Festival events will be featured in the November issue of the Chickasaw Times. *Photos by Mike Scott, Marcy Gray and Michael Kubilis.*

*39 years with Chickasaw Nation*

## Mary Jo Green honored for service to Chickasaws

ADA, Okla. – Retiring Chickasaw Nation legislator Mary Jo Green was honored with a Sept. 16 reception filled with friends, family and co-workers. Mrs. Green, who has represented Pontotoc District since 1998, has served the Chickasaw Nation in varying capacities for 39 years.

Governor Bill Anoatubby presented Mrs. Green with a crystal vase commemorating her service to the Chickasaw people.

Gov. Anoatubby recalled Ms. Green in 1977 joined a small tribal staff assisting Chickasaw citizens seeking employment through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

"She is a real people person," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Mary Jo performed wonderfully in helping citizens."

Her efforts, Gov. Anoatubby said, were born of a genuine desire to see Chickasaws advance and move forward.

Then-Gov. Overton James tapped Mrs. Green to take over the task of helping all departments fill critical positions with the best qualified candidates.

"She did an excellent job," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It was new to her and she had to learn how to do it. She did a good job."

In the 1980s, the Chickasaw Nation received a grant from the federal government to begin senior citizen sites.

"(The first senior site) was located on the headquarters campus," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It was very underfunded, but it did provide us funding to get started. Mary Jo stepped up and was selected to be the senior citizen site manager."

She stayed with the program until retiring from the executive branch of government after 21 years of service.

In 1998, she was elected to the Chickasaw Nation Legislature representing Seat 5 in the Pontotoc District. She is concluding her

Governor Bill Anoatubby presents retiring Pontotoc District, Seat 5 legislator Mary Jo Green with a vase commemorating 18 years of service on the Chickasaw Nation Legislature. Mrs. Green is completing a total of 39 years of service to the Chickasaw people.

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## Chickasaw 2016-2017 Princesses crowned

Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, right, crowned three new princesses during the Sept. 26 Chickasaw Princess Pageant. The new royalty will serve as goodwill ambassadors for 2016-17. Chickasaw Royalty are, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw LaKala Orphan, daughter of Ruebin and LaTonia Orphan, of Ada; Chickasaw Jr. Princess Keilyn "Keke" Factor, daughter of Stanley Factor and Gwendolyn Burris, of Ada; and Chickasaw Princess Julie Underwood, daughter of Linda and Darrell Underwood, of Ada.

ADA, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby crowned three young ladies Chickasaw Royalty during the 2016-2017 Chickasaw Nation Princess Pageant. The annual pageant was conducted at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center Monday, Sept. 26.

Julie Underwood, 21, was crowned Chickasaw Princess; Keilyn "Keke" Factor, 13, was crowned Chickasaw Junior Princess, and Lakala Orphan, 11, claimed the Little Miss Chickasaw title. Each winner resides in Ada, Oklahoma and was congratulated by Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

"It is gratifying to see all these contestants express such great pride in their Chickasaw heritage," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We believe these young ladies will do a wonderful job carrying on the tradition of Chickasaw royalty, because they epitomize the best qualities of the Chickasaw people. It is our hope that serving as goodwill ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation will be a valuable learning experience for each of them."

Participants of the pageant were judged on one-on-one in-

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## Upcoming Events Cont'd

**Linoleum Block Printmaking Class**
Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 272-7781

**ADA Step Out Walk**
Nov. 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
ECU Kerr Activity Center, Ada, Okla.
(580) 421-4532

**Veterans Celebration**
Nov. 12-13
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

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sixth consecutive term. Her term in office will end October 1, and her last official meeting with legislators and colleagues was Sept. 16.

"I really believe (Mary Jo's) service is not over," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Mary Jo will have difficulty not serving.:"

Mrs. Green credited God with allowing her to serve.

"It was never me, it was always through God," she said.

She thanked Gov. Anoatubby for the opportunity to serve and his faith in her endeavors on behalf of Chickasaw people. She then turned her attention to legislative colleagues, graciously thanking them for their support, foresight and counsel.

Her colleagues presented her with a plaque commemorating 18 years of service as an elected representative of Chickasaw people.

In an emotional moment, Mrs. Green thanked Chickasaw elders as "being such a blessing to me." Working with elders was "the most uplifting experience that could have happened to me" she said of her work managing senior sites. "Because I had lost my mother, I saw my mother in all my elders. She was proud to be a Chickasaw, just as I am."

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.

# Sovereign Nations Center supports Chickasaw success at OSU

STILLWATER, Okla. - Native American students studying at Oklahoma State University (OSU) have a home away from home, support and guidance with the help of the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations. Armed with staff advocates and student mentors, the center recently celebrated one year of success on the OSU campus.

"It has been incredible to see our collaborative vision for a center concept become a reality," Elizabeth Payne, director of the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations, said. "Center coordinator Sky Rogers and I are eager to come to work each day to see our student leaders and to be inspired by them."

An August 30 birthday party marked the occasion with festivities on the south lawn of Life Sciences on the OSU campus. OSU President Burns Hargis kicked off the celebration.

"Sovereign nations are a very important part of the state of Oklahoma," President Hargis said. "It is our duty and our privilege to serve them by increasing the graduation rate and bringing more Native Americans to OSU. We already graduate more Native American students than anyone else! Many are first-generation students, so we want to be sure they have the mentoring and support they need to be successful. That's why we are so appreciative to the Chickasaw Nation for stepping up and being our founding partner."

The Chickasaw Nation partners with the Center to provide Native American students a place to find assistance with resources for academics, college funding and more. The center employs six Chickasaw student leaders: Masheli Billy, Carson Turner, Sadie Milligan Elmore, Arielle Farve, Dade Eddy and Maggie Adcock.

The Choctaw Nation announced its partnership with the center during the event, which was also attended by Muscogee Creek Nation Principle Chief James Floyd and Seminole Nation Chief Leonard Harjo.

"Through the Center we have had the opportunity to launch early intervention to help our students be successful," Chickasaw Nation Education Services executive officer Danny Wells said. "We've had opportunities to serve the students, help them overcome obstacles and give them the attention they need to graduate. I am so thankful to Oklahoma State University and Governor Bill Anoatubby for the investment that they have made for the students."

The Center is a hub of connection for student leaders in Native American organizations, including the Native American Student Association (NASA.) The largest powwow in OSU history was coordinated by NASA and the Center in fall of 2015. Weekly luncheons, coffee talks, leadership meetings and other events hosted through Native American Student Association partnerships give students plenty of networking and educational opportunities.

Chickasaw Masheli Billy, a student ambassador at the Center and OSU senior, said he would miss the relationships he has built when he graduates.

OSU Center for Sovereign Nations recently celebrated a year of success. Center director, coordinator and student ambassadors, including six Chickasaw students, planned a birthday bash Tuesday, Aug. 30 on the South Lawn of Life Sciences on the OSU Campus. Back row from left, Masheli Billy, James Jump, Zachary Kensinger, Megan Baker, Dade Eddy, Ova Fofah, Mason Two Crow, Cory Hopcus, Noah Berryhill. Middle row from left, Sadie Elmore, Gabe Louis, Emma Kincade, Sara-Jane Smallwood, Carson Turner, Sky Rogers, Veronica Arredondo, Arielle Farve. Front row from left, Amber Sawyers, Kareesa Kennedy, Maggie Adcock, Elizabeth Payne, Shelbie Smith. *Photo provided by Gary Lawson, Oklahoma State University Marketing*

"The relationships that we build in the Center and with other students at OSU have been the best experience that I could have ever had," Mr. Billy said.

The Center has developed a partnership project concept that includes an OSU Academic unit, a tribal nation and American Indian students. These projects have resulted in the creation of a GIS map of aquifers and wellhead plan for Chickasaw Nation property near WinStar Casino and a colloquium about the impact of stress on Type 2 Diabetes in American Indians that also illustrated the impact that culturally significant meals have on nutrition.

Mr. Billy said the grade point averages of student employees was a good indicator of the Center's success.

"Native American student leaders at the Center all have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. That's what it's about."

Center doors opened in August 2015 with the goal of serving Oklahoma's tribal nations while focusing on sovereignty, students and partnerships. In the first year of operation, the center completed 850 student visits. A weekly student newsletter keeps scholars informed of events, opportunities and resources for Native American students and through the Chickasaw Nation. Student advisement provided at the Center guided 23 students through academic alerts and helped them stay on track. Ninety supplemental advisements were scheduled, preventing students from struggling with their studies. Students were kept informed through 77,000 emails sent out by the Center.

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Jennifer Jones, Public Relations.

# Chickasaw student finds positive direction at OSU Center

"When I was growing up, my father was a rodeo clown," Maggie Adcock, Chickasaw college student, said at the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations Birthday Bash.

Ms. Adcock is not your typical college student. When engaged in conversation with her, it is clear that she is a hard worker, and once she tells more about her story, it is evident why. Growing up on a farm in Custer City, Okla., it is no surprise she has chosen to major in both agribusiness and animal science.

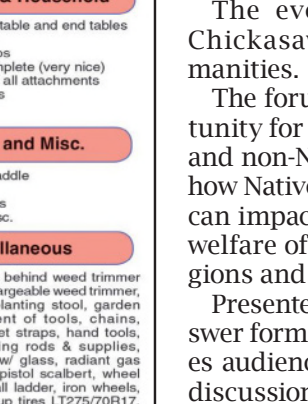
Miss Adcock credits the Center with helping her stay on track during a challenging time.

"When I was a freshman I had the hardest time," she said. "During a semester of general education classes I lost interest in being a student. This was a very hard time for me in my life and I had no idea what I wanted to do, stay in school at or return to work on the farm. Spring semester came around and I received an email from Sky Rogers informing of me of the Not Yet Noon event, hosted every Thursday for Native American students. I decided to go to check it out to try to fit in. I went week after week until I was on a first-name basis with everyone in the center. Later I was having trouble with a course and with the Center's help I was able to find resources that helped me excel in my course."

Miss Adcock plans to continue on to graduate school and further her studies in animal science.

"I grew up on a farm and I love animals," she said. "I want to stay true to my roots. I have an internship opportunity to raise bucking bulls for the PBR this summer."

Staying true to her roots is one reason Ms. Adcock works 19 hours a week at the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations. As a student leader, she guides other Native American students through the ins and outs of finding resources through the Center's website. She is often the first smiling face that students see when visiting the Center.



Chickasaw student Maggie Adcock works at the Center for Sovereign Nations as a student ambassador assisting Native American students with resources and a place for community on the Oklahoma State University campus. From left are Vanessa Arredondo, Maggie Adcock and Emma Kincade. *Photo provided by OSU Center for Sovereign Nations*

"Many students come to the Center asking for advice on classes, scholarships and financial aid," she said. "As a student I know how important their questions are and giving them the correct information is a valuable key to helping them stay on track. It is helpful that the Center has numerous partners and many students that are always willing to help a student in need. We are always there to better the outcome for our students at OSU."

Along with assisting students, Ms. Adcock also helps write the Center newsletter.

"This experience has helped me improve my communication skills and become more adept at working on my toes," she said. "I enjoy meeting people and having the opportunity to develop networking skills. I love meeting people from different tribal nations and seeing their perspectives."

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AUCTION
Garr Corner, Okla.
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016
10:00 A.M.
Location Directions: From Stratford, OK on Hwy. 19 go East 7 miles, south side of hwy.; from Ada on Hwy. 19 go West 9 miles to sale site (on south side of Hwy. 19).
Auctioneer's Note: McKay's have sold their farm and will sell at public auction equipment and misc.
Office Building
10X24 Portable Office Building w/a/c, carpet, fans, telephone hook-ups, insulated (to be moved)
Tractor, Equip., Trailers
John Deere 3320 4x4 Tractor
300x Loader
King Cutter 3pt 5' Brush Cutter
3pt 5' Cammond Box Blade
Agri-Fab Pull behind seeder
40 gal 3pt boom sprayer
Miller 200 LE Welder, Trailer Mounted
Galvanized Hay Ring
Feed Trough
16' Car hauler trailer w/2' deaver tail
New Floor and Paint
Banens 10'x6'.6" all metal trailer
w/ ramps custom built w/ tool box
Husqvarna rear tine tiller 9HP B&S
New 8'x2' Round Water Tank
8'x3' Hay Feeder
Furniture & Household
Handmade coffee table and end tables
Handmade lamps
Antique Pole Lamps
Bedroom Suit Complete (very nice)
Kirby Vacuum with all attachments
2 Chest of Drawers
Cultivator
Pipe & Tubing
Portable calf pen
2- 7'9" Galvanized gates
9- 12' Square tube panels
1- 4' Round tubing walk through gate
1- 5' Round tubing gate
3- 9' Round tubing panels
1- 8' Round tubing gate
1- 10' Gate
70+ Flag stone rocks
1- 16' Bull panel
Assortment of metal
1- 3/8 rebar, tubing, angle iron
Assortment metal
Sucker rod
Pipe
60+ Cement blocks
75+ Used T-Post
200+ Ft Black 2" Polly Pipe
2- Pipe Racks
Saddle and Misc.
Circle T Roping Saddle
Saddle Pads
Blanket and Bridles
Horse Brush & Misc.
Miscellaneous
Swishen walk behind weed trimmer 6-75 B&S, Rechargeable weed trimmer, garden tools, planting stool, garden cart, assortment of tools, chains, boomers, ratchet straps, hand tools, fuel cans, fishing rods & supplies, wooden doors w/ glass, radiant gas heater, leather pistol scalbert, wheel barrows, dry wall ladder, iron wheels, good used pickup tires LT275/70R17, storm door complete, folding picnic table, large dog crate, grass catcher.
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# Lowak Sho' li forum set for Oct. 13 at community center

ADA, Okla. - Lowak Sho' li "Carry the Fire" Native Humanities Forum is set for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

The event is sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities.

The forum provides the opportunity for dialogue among Native and non-Native people regarding how Native American humanities can impact the development and welfare of local communities, regions and the state of Oklahoma.

Presented in a question-and-answer format, the forum encourages audience participation during discussions by scholars.

For more information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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# *Sticking with a good plan can yield great results!*

**GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY**

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

When you have a good plan, and work that plan faithfully, great things often ensue.

What we have together accomplished as Chickasaws over just the past 28 years surely fits the model of "good plan, good execution, great results."

In 1988, the Chickasaw Nation was operating several essential programs and services. However, it was apparent to me, and to many of us, those programs and services were not funded at nearly the level required to properly serve all Chickasaw people. Our tribe, like virtually all others at that time, relied very heavily on federal funds to operate. As we know from long experience, those funds were never a sure thing and most often grew little to none from year to year.

We determined back in 1988 that our best avenue for real and sustainable success rested in tribal commerce. We studied the economic environment for tribes across the U.S., and we evaluated other funding options we might have. The result of our study was the plan that set in motion the course we continue on today. We believed we had a good plan. Now it was time for some quality execution.

We believed that if we worked hard and stayed the course, we would meet with success. It was, and is, a matter of discipline and "sticking with it." You can have great faith in your plan, but it really takes commitment and diligence to make it come to total fruition.

As we set off on our course of economic self-sufficiency, we encountered the inevitable bumps and detours along the way. Those are to be expected in commerce. As we traversed the slopes and negotiated the hurdles in business, we discovered a straight and even path which has taken us to where we are today.

Our tribal businesses are now producing unprecedented revenues which fund programs for Chickasaw people. These are the "great results" of our work together for the common good. A number of bright, industrious, hard-working people dedicated to an outstanding Chickasaw future have kept us on the proper path of success.

We have reached the point where each and every Chickasaw citizen has a cornucopia of opportunities from which to choose. From education to jobs to housing to health care and so much more, Chickasaws today are benefitting from our commercial success in myriad ways. The goal, as always, is to provide the basis for healthy, happy, prosperous Chickasaw families.

Yes, working together, our plan has been realized. That success is reflected in every Chickasaw and Chickasaw family through the improved quality of their lives.

Now that our solid foundation is firmly established, we are working harder than ever to discover new opportunities and new ways to build our tribal legacy of service to the Chickasaw people.

Thank you for your contributions over the years. Together, we are honoring our ancestors by generating success in our modern world.

# *Day of Prayer honors tribal faith traditions*

People moved quietly as they gathered at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Anoli' Theater on August 22. Those gathered were preparing for the fourth annual Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer.

A welcome, invocation, presentation of colors by the Chickasaw Honor Guard and acknowledgement of dignitaries commenced the 2016 Day of Prayer.

The Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer gives Chickasaw citizens and others the opportunity to pray and give thanks to God.

"This day is about all of us coming together as a sovereign nation to recognize God for His guidance and His blessings, Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

"Throughout history, we've been a people of faith. That hasn't changed. We've been a people of faith both in times of triumph and in times of tribulation. We've consistently looked to God for guidance.

"The Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer calls upon the Chickasaw people to come together as the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation to honor God, to pray for our citizens and leaders, to reconcile past conflicts and injustices with others and among ourselves and to humbly ask that God heal our land and our nation as a whole."

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center chaplain Randy Wade led the observance themed "As for Me and My House," based on the biblical scripture Joshua 24:15.

"I feel like so many times things from the Bible parallel with Native America, especially when you get down to the tribes and what they called for as far 'as for me and my house'," Rev. Wade said. "For Governor Anoatubby, the tribe is basically his house. He is our leader. We all have a part to play and a role in the house."

Rev. Wade led a prayer over Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Keel and the Chickasaw Nation legislators. Wade said being able to pray over tribal leaders and dignitaries meant a great deal.

"It's an honor and a privilege to have a day that we can come together and pray and know that God is going to move in a spiritual way," Rev. Wade said.

Choctaw Nation representatives were present and joined in praying for the Chickasaw Nation.

Members of the Ardmore Indian Baptist Church sang Choctaw hymns. Chickasaw Allan Beck conducted a prayer in the Chickasaw language. Chickasaw Lighthorse Sgt. Dusk Monetathchi served as master of ceremonies for the event.

The ceremony closed with Nancy Wade and several participants singing "Amazing Grace" and "You Are So Good to Me." Following the observance, a reception was hosted in the Anoli' Theater lobby.

# Eight-year-old Chickasaw boy tops in photography contest

XYLAN WALLACE

The Chickasaw Nation announced the winners of its 72-hour photography competition during an awards reception Aug. 26, at the Chokma' si Gallery located in Ada.

The three-category competition offered student, amateur and professional photographers from around the world the opportunity to participate in the first ever Chickasaw Nation 72-hour photography competition.

"Photographers were given a one-word theme and had 72 hours to take photos and submit their interpretation of the given theme," James Wallace, visual arts, media and design manager said. "Our randomly chosen theme was unity. Each year we hope to have a theme that will challenge, inspire and create some fun for photographers."

Each photograph was judged on exposure, contrast and color, focus and depth of field, framing and composition, artistry, originality and execution of the theme.

Eight-year-old Chickasaw Xylan Wallace excelled in all fields and was selected "Best of Show."

"I was really surprised, but excited, to hear I won the big prize," Xylan said. "There were a lot of really good photos. I enjoy taking pictures and hope I can keep getting good shots."

Winners of the student category are:

Landon Estes, Pawnee, Ada ¬– First place

Phoenix Simmons, Non Native, Ada – Second place

Kelly Cooke, Chickasaw, Ada – Third place

Winners of the Amateur Category are:

James Johnson, Non Native, Burneyville – First place

Kayla McCullough, Choctaw, Allen – Second place

Paula Loftin, Chickasaw, Ada – Third place

Winners of the Professional Category:

Wakeah Vigil, Comanche, Ada – First place

Eric Turner, Chickasaw, Ada – Second place

Tanya Lowrance, Cherokee, Sulphur –Third place

# *Plein Air painting workshop set for Oct. 21-23 in Sulphur*

SULPHUR, Okla. - A plein air painting workshop with Gay Faulkenberry is set for Oct. 21, 22, and 23 at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios in Sulphur. This workshop will provide students with instruction and techniques for painting outdoors.

The class is sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities.

Ms. Faulkenberry has been a force on the American art scene for more than two decades. Known for her impressionistic approach to color and light, she is renowned for plein-air paintings of urban and rural landscapes and for studio paintings of close still-lifes, florals and interiors.

Cost is $300 for the workshop, $150 is due at sign-up. Make checks payable to the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities.

For more information or to enroll, call Arts & Humanities at (580)272-5520.

2015
Molly Humphrey
2016
Samantha Perry
Will it be your butterfly?
2017
CHICKASAW NATION
BUTTERFLY ART CONTEST
Call for female Chickasaw artists, ages 14-18
The Chickasaw Nation announces its 2017 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference Butterfly Art Contest. Symbolic of the beauty, inspiration and determination of Chickasaw women throughout history, a butterfly serves each year for artwork on the materials promoting the event.
Artists must be female Chickasaw citizens, ages 14 through 18. One piece of artwork, in a medium of the artist's choice, may be submitted on art paper, canvas or art board, between 10 and 20 inches in size.
The annual conference, conducted by the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division, recognizes the strength and leadership of Chickasaws and women from all walks of life.
The 2017 winning artist will receive a $500 cash award.
Deadline to submit artwork is Friday, Oct. 28, 2016.
Artwork may be delivered to:
The Chickasaw Nation
Arts & Humanities Division
201 N. Broadway Ave., Ada, OK 74820
For guidelines, an entry form or more information, call (580) 272-5520 or email Paul.Baken@chickasaw.net or Rachel.Wedlow@chickasaw.net.
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Kaitlyn Tingle
2013
Elizabeth Sheffield
2012
Katy Caton
2011
Sadie Milligan
2010
Taloa Underwood
2009
2008
Joanna Underwood
2007
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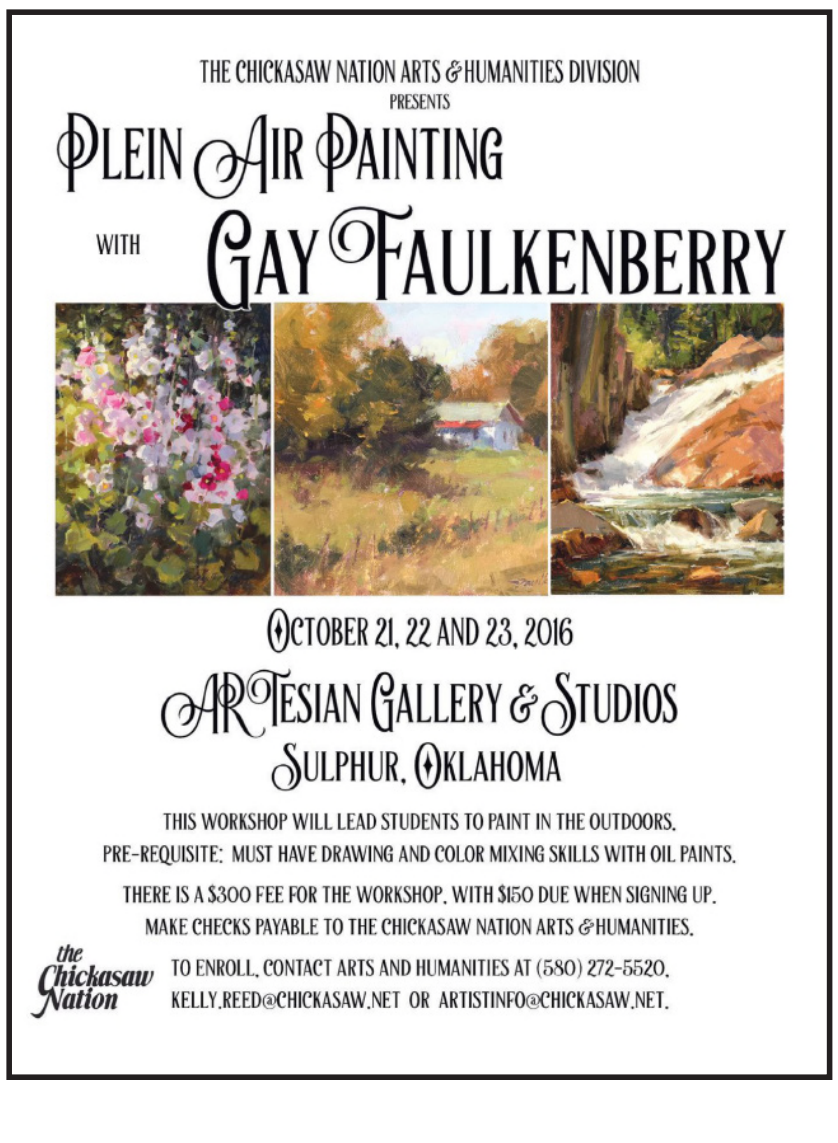
THE CHICKASAW NATION ARTS & HUMANITIES DIVISION
PRESENTS
PLEIN AIR PAINTING
WITH
GAY FAULKENBERRY
OCTOBER 21, 22 AND 23, 2016
ARTESIAN GALLERY & STUDIOS
SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA
THIS WORKSHOP WILL LEAD STUDENTS TO PAINT IN THE OUTDOORS.
PRE-REQUISITE: MUST HAVE DRAWING AND COLOR MIXING SKILLS WITH OIL PAINTS.
THERE IS A $300 FEE FOR THE WORKSHOP. WITH $150 DUE WHEN SIGNING UP.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CHICKASAW NATION ARTS & HUMANITIES.
TO ENROLL, CONTACT ARTS AND HUMANITIES AT (580) 272-5520.
KELLY.REED@CHICKASAW.NET OR ARTISTINFO@CHICKASAW.NET.
the Chickasaw Nation

# Chickasaw Honor Guard serves veterans, community

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Honor Guard reflects a deep sense of pride every when called upon.

"The honor guard is a prestigious group and the guys take a lot of pride in what we are doing," Honor Guard vice president and Chickasaw Mike Reed said. "They do the best job they possibly can for any event we attend whether it is a parade, school presentation, flag holding or actual military honors for deceased veterans. We have been noticed on many occasions by many people. There is a lot of pride in the honor guard."

Mr. Reed made a career in the military. His service began in 1969, and he served two tours in Vietnam. He spent 22 years in active duty stationed all over the world and retired as a U.S. Army first sergeant.

Originally, the Chickasaw Honor Guard conducted military honors for deceased Chickasaw veterans. After a few years, the Chickasaw spouses of veterans who passed away were allowed to receive services including military honors, rifle squad, and folding and presentation of the flag.

Today, the group continues to conduct military honors at funerals and memorial services. It also participates in parades, powwows, ceremonies, various tribal functions and patriotic activities.

The group posts colors throughout the year within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, and on a state and national level. In 2015, it was selected to place a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with Lt. Governor Keel on Memorial Day in Washington, D.C.

Any honorably discharged Native American veteran is eligible to join. Interested veterans must also attend two meetings and one event. Present members will vote to approve membership. To hold an officer position, the veteran must be a Chickasaw citizen.

"The honor guard are ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation," Mr. Reed said. "When we attend events, we put our best foot forward with everything we do. As long as we are the honor guard, we will do our best to leave a lasting impression of how great the Chickasaw Nation is."

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Honor Guard at (580) 310-7930, (580) 399-1228 or email bernie.seely@chickasaw.net.

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Jennifer Jones, Public Affairs.

*Hall of Fame highlight*

# Multi-talented Ataloa a 2006 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee

Mary "Ataloa" Stone McClendon was a Chickasaw singer, educator and advocate for Native American education and fine arts. "Ataloa," means "little song" in the Chickasaw language. She obtained her nickname by becoming a nationally-renowned concert vocalist. She was a cousin of Te Ata Fisher, the well-known Chickasaw storyteller.

Ataloa used her abilities to inspire Native American students. October is National Arts and Humanities Month. As part of this celebration, the Chickasaw Nation pays tribute to Mary "Ataloa" McClendon for her contributions to the arts.

"The arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of all Americans by encouraging creativity and expression," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "This celebration is an excellent opportunity for the Chickasaw citizens and community members to explore the rich culture of the Chickasaw Nation."

Ataloa was born in 1895 in what is now Duncan, Okla. Some of her early schooling was in a one-room schoolhouse in the Kiamichi Mountains. As a young adult, she attended Columbia University and the International Institute of John D. Rockefeller in New York. She was the only Indian student at the university.

As a performer, Ataloa received accolades for her poise, personality and rich contralto voice. Those who witnessed performances said she had the ability to understand the Indian heart through her program of Indian songs, legends and ceremonials.

Ataloa's musical career was short-lived. She began a career as a teacher at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla. She also worked as a fundraiser, influencing people to donate financial aid for students and the college.

MARY "ATALOA" STONE MCCLENDON

Following her career at Bacone, Ataloa taught at the prestigious Idyllwild School of Music and Arts from 1950 to 1963. One of her greatest legacies was that she carried Native culture into the early 20th century, passing that legacy on to other Native Americans through teaching.

Ataloa died in 1967. The Ataloa Lodge Museum on the Bacone campus, was named in her honor. The museum houses one of the largest privately-owned collections of Native American cultural artifacts in the U.S.

Ataloa was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 2006. Proud to be Native American, and proud of her Chickasaw heritage, Ataloa conveyed those sentiments confidently when she shared her talents and culture. What made her efforts more notable was that they occurred during a time in American history when embracing one's Native American identity was not as accepted as it is today.

**Hall of Fame now accepting applications:**

The Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame is currently accepting nominations for 2017 inductees. If you know of someone honorable that should be presented with this recognition, visit www.hof.chickasaw.net.

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terviews, traditional Chickasaw dress, poise, responses to random questions and talent.

During their one-year reign these dynamic young ladies will take courses on language, culture and the history of the Chickasaw people. In addition to serving as young ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation, the 2016-2017 princesses will see many places, serve as role models and represent the Chickasaw people.

The winners receive a crown, sash, trophy and gifts to prepare them for the upcoming year.

The reign of a Chickasaw Princess has been a Chickasaw Nation tradition since the 1960s. Chickasaw Princesses have historically played a vital role in representing the tribe.

# *Halloween canvas art class Oct. 22*

Halloween canvas art class will be offered at two locations and dates. On Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., the class will be at the Arts & Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway, Ada.

On Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., calss will be at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios, 100 West Muskogee St., Sulphur.

This event is open to the public. Families can create Halloween-themed Native designs through painting.

Class size is limited. Deadline to enroll is Oct. 19.

This class is offered through Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities. For more information, or to enroll, call (580) 272-5520.

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the Chickasaw Nation
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# 'Angry Birds' at movie night Oct. 15

ATOKA, Okla. - "Movie Night at the Museums," featuring "Angry Birds," is set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at Boggy Depot Park, Atoka.

Admission is free and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Popcorn and refreshments will be available.

"Movie Night" is sponsored by Chickasaw Nation History & Culture.

For more information, contact History & Culture at (580) 371-9835.

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# Junior Native Explorers offers unique experiences to kids ages 6 to 18

Native American students who enjoy investigating, exploring and experimenting in nature might find their career path through a program serving Chickasaw youth in the Ada and Ardmore areas.

The Chickasaw Nation Junior Native Explorers Program is a progressive, hands-on, educational experience designed to recruit, train and educate young people in the areas of earth science, natural science, biomedical science and medicine.

Unique learning experiences can spark young scientists' curiosity with hands-on exploration during fun field trips like a behind the scenes zoo tour. Students will also learn about career opportunities and internships in science professions.

Native American students between the ages of six-18 who reside in the Ada and Ardmore areas are encouraged to apply.

Complete an application online at https://www.chickasaw.net/Services/Native-Explorers-Program. For more information, call (580) 421-7711.

# Chokka' Kilimpi' supports Chickasaw students at OU, OKC metro

The Chickasaw Nation Chokka' Kilimpi' Recruitment and Retention Program made going back to school better with two Back to School bashes in Norman and Oklahoma City. Navigator Jason Eyachabbe leads a game of social stickball at Reaves Park in Norman.

NORMAN, Okla. - Going back to school was a walk in the park for Oklahoma City metro area Chickasaw college students. The Norman-based Chokka' Kilimpi' program welcomed students back with stickball and an opportunity to socialize with other Chickasaw students with back to school bashes in two locations.

Katie Croy, a Chickasaw student from Oklahoma City, recently learned about the program at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC.) The program recently expanded to following its success at the University of Oklahoma (OU.)

"I recently heard about the program after I received an email from Renee Wilson, the navigator at OCCC," Ms. Croy said. "I knew there was a program at OU and was excited to learn that is was now available at the community college."

Chokka' Kilimpi' staff mingled with OCCC students and their families at the Southern Oaks Community Center at 400 SE 66th St., Sunday, Aug. 21. Chokka' Kilimpi' Imatahli program coordinator Jason Eyachabbe led a game of social stickball.

Social events and stickball are just one component of the Chokka' Kilimpi' Recruitment and Retention program. Navigators guide students through staying on track academically and maintaining funding with the end goal of graduation. Students also participate in other cultural activities including basket weaving and beaded earring classes.

A second event took place at Reaves Park located at 2501 Jenkins Avenue in Norman, Saturday, Aug. 27, for OU students. A disc jockey spun tunes while students and their families enjoyed a game of stickball and a cookout.

Meeting with navigators on a regular basis is a pivotal part of the program. Chickasaw Skyler Boyd, an OU freshman from Moore, met navigator Karen Fish on campus shortly after starting school. Mr. Boyd's participation in the program gives his dad, Stan Boyd, confidence that his son will be successful in college.

"The program will help give him whatever he needs to be successful in college, make the grades and stay in school," the elder Mr. Boyd said. "He's a good student but the program can help him stay on track when I can't be here."

Chris Jones, a Chickasaw and OU student from Moore, is working on his degree completion online.

"Karen Fish offered me the opportunity to be part of the program," he said. "It gives me a chance to be part of both the Chickasaw and OU communities that I wouldn't have had being an online student."

Navigator Jason Murray partnered with the Native American Student Association (NASA) to launch the Chokka Kilimpi' program at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in Edmond. The first gathering of the group took place Sept. 21 at Plunkett Park on UCO campus.

The recruitment and retention navigators guide students through Chickasaw Nation resources that are available to them, offer career and vocational guidance and most of all, strive to provide a family away from home for the students who are part of their program.

Students who attend OU, OCCC and UCO can enroll in the recruitment and retention by visiting www.chickasaw.net/ck or calling (405) 767-8943. The Chokka' Kilimpi' office is location on Norman on 3200 Marshall Ave., Suite 220.

JASON EYACHABBE

## 'Spooky Tales' presented in several locales

The annual "Spooky Tales" Storytelling Concert will be at four locations in October. Storytellers Stephanie Scott, Dixie Brewer and Lorie Robins Carmichael will be featured. The concerts are sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities.

Guests are invited to join in the Halloween spirit with haunted tales on the following dates:

Thursday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m.
Boggy Depot Historic Park
Atoka, Okla.

Friday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building
201 N. Broadway
Ada, Okla.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center
867 Cooper Memorial Dr.
Sulphur, Okla.

Sunday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m.
Exhibit C Gallery
1 East Sheridan, Ste. 100
Oklahoma City

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

## *Prenatal classes at Women's Clinic*

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Women's Clinic is offering educational prenatal classes to new parents and expectant mothers in the community.

Classes will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Women's Clinic in the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Upcoming dates are: Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, and Nov. 4.

For more information, or to enroll, contact the Women's Clinic at (580) 421-6200.

## Walk to Stop Diabetes Nov. 5 at ECU

ADA, Okla. - The 2016 "Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes" is set for 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 5 at East Central University's Kerr Activity Center, Saturday, Nov. 5.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the walk starts at 11 a.m.

To register, visit www.diabetes.org/stepoutada.

## *Chickasaw youth enjoy Sooner spirit at OU Kids' Day*

NORMAN, Okla. - More than 60 Chickasaw students attended OU Kids' Day on Sept. 10 in Norman. The University of Oklahoma Sooners were victorious over the University of Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks in a non-conference football game.

Boys at OU Kids' Days playing football before going to the stadium for the game.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, University of Oklahoma's Senior Associate Athletic Director Zac Selmon and OU center Ty Darlington joined the children for the day's events.

Before the game, Mr. Selmon and Mr. Darlington spoke with the students about their careers and the importance of education.

"I knew one day my career was going to end and I needed other things I could rely on," Mr. Darlington said. "That is why I encourage every student to focus on school. You need to have a backup plan."

Students also had the opportunity to meet the OU mascot and OU cheerleaders, and play on Owens Field at OU's Gaylord Family Memorial Stadium.

Girls at OU Kids' Day work on a cheerleading pyramid.

After visiting the field, Gov. Anoatubby joined the children for a barbecue lunch by the Duck Pond, just outside the stadium.

**CONTRIBUTED BY** Carmen Carter, Public Relations.

## *Harvest Fest Oct. 22 at Chickasaw White House*

EMET, Okla. - The 2016 Harvest Fest is set for Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chickasaw White House in Emet.

The free event offers a step back into the Chickasaw Nation of the early 1900s. There will be lots of food and activities for attendees.

Harvest Fest at the Chickasaw White House features the life and times of Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas H. Johnston and his family.

Carriage rides, make-and-take crafts, children's activities, bluegrass music and much more will be enjoyed by all. Lunch will be provided.

Tours of the White House will be available throughout the day.

Girls at OU Kids' Day trying to execute a cheerleading pyramid.

Once considered a mansion on the frontier, the Chickasaw White House was home to Governor Douglas H. Johnston and the Johnston family from 1898-1971. It was the setting for many important political and social gatherings. The Chickasaw Nation acquired the home and acreage in the 1990s. The White House has been restored to its original grandeur. The Johnston home is listed on the National Registry of Historic Homes.

For more information about Harvest Fest and the Chickasaw White House, call (580) 371-9835.

## *'Blind Date with a Book' at library*

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library is offering citizens and employees the "Blind Date with a Book" program.

"Blind Date with a Book" allows readers to check out books covering a wide range of genres. Books are gift wrapped and tagged with clues. Each book has been decorated to appeal to various types of readers. Book genres range from fiction to biographies, historic novels, young adult, local histories and many native subjects.

To participate you will need a library card. Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees living or working in the 74820 area code are eligible.

For more information, call the Chickasaw Tribal Library at (580) 310-6477.

## Block Printmaking Nov. 5 in Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. – "Making Multiples, Linoleum Block Printmaking" is set for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5 and 19 at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios in Sulphur.

During this course, participants will explore a brief history of printmaking while becoming familiar with the process of creating art on a linoleum block.

Class fee is $25. Space is limited.

For more information, or to enroll, contact the ARTesian Gallery and Studios at (580) 622-8040.

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# Visit to the Homelands brings new meaning to tribe's history, culture

**CONNIE BARKER**
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Chickasaw Citizens,

I hope everyone is doing well and excited about starting a new year for the Great Chickasaw Nation.

For the last two years I have served as Legislative Chairperson for the Chickasaw Nation and have enjoyed my role and responsibility immensely. I appreciate the love and support I received from the Legislative body over my two terms as Chairperson and before that as Legislative Secretary. The hard working and dedicated staff in the Legislative office have made my job easier and I will always treasure the friendship and bonds that have been made since I have been in office. I wish good luck to the upcoming new Chairperson.

Our Homeland trip was an amazing journey. Several Legislators and family members were able to take a journey back in time and relive the days of our ancestors. My heartfelt thanks goes out to Brad Lieb, our guide and educator, for his lifelong love and devotion to the history and culture of our great Nation. Brad has an overwhelming knowledge of Chickasaw history and culture and we were able to visit some University sites not open to the public.

Legislators at memorial in the Homeland.

Brad is a natural story teller and delighted us with detailed facts of our ancestors, battles and treaties. We made many stops along the way to get a sense of where our families had come from. The connection I felt with my ancestors while being in the Homeland is one I will never forget. The beautiful surroundings in the forest settings, the grandeur of the man made mounds at Moundville, the peaceful hush at the burial sites makes a Chickasaw feel like you are home again. I would like to thank Brand Lieb once again and those who made this journey a memorable one.

Connie Barker

I have great hopes and expectations for the new year and give thanks to God for the remarkable way our tribe has overcome many obstacles from the past and look forward to a continued bright future for the "Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation."

God bless you all,
Connie Barker
Pickens District
Seat 2

# Steadfastness, wisdom of Piominko set the stage for Chickasaw success

**NANCY ELLIOTT**
Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma, chinchokma,(Hello, how are you?

Last month, the legislators were given the opportunity to make a trip to our Chickasaw Homelands in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. As we toured homesites and village sites of our Chickasaw ancestors, we were taken back in time. At the Moundville Archaeological Park, where a large settlement of Mississippian culture was discovered on the Black Warrior River in central Alabama, we learned about our ancestors who might have lived around 1000 A.D.. – 1450 A.D. We were able to visit several sites on the Coonewah Ridge along the west side of Coonewah Creek valley. We learned that Coonewah valley was a wetland cane swamp during Chickasaw times. Settled sometime in the mid-1600s, Coonewah hosted up to five village towns. This area is near present day Tupelo, Mississippi.

The highlight of the trip, for me, was to visit the George and Salichi Colbert House along the old Natchez Trace, which presently belongs to Raymond Doherty. George Colbert was the second famous son of James Logan Colbert, and his Chickasaw wife, Saliichi, who was, evidently, a daughter of the minko Wolf's Friend, or Oklaayacabe', a powerful but little known minko of the 1780s-90s. Their house served as the Chickasaw Council House during the times. In fact, the major treaties of 1816 and 1818 were held or largely negotiated in their house. Mr. Doherty's house was built in 1850 over the site of the Colbert house, and the central beams of the Colbert house were uncovered in the attic, and the original foundation was discovered by the present owner.

Mr. Doherty has uncovered many artifacts from his property, of which he is researching and writing his thesis for his doctorate degree. He realizes the importance of his home and is very willing to share his discoveries with Chickasaw visitors. Seeing Piominko's statue in Tupelo, with his George Washington peace medal, military coat, and rifle, and learning more about the man was very inspiring. We can thank our early leaders like Piominko for making smart decisions to align with the early patriots instead of the French or British.

The Battle site of Hikki'ya' (Ackia) was especially interesting as Dr. Brad Lieb, with the Chickasaw Homelands Office, told the story of how the French were soundly defeated by the cunning decisions of the Chickasaw warriors. Over and over again, we heard stories of the bravery and intelligence of our early leaders, who were able to not only out- fight the enemy, but outsmart them as well.

The Chief Tishominko home site and monument was also a very meaningful visit. Recent discoveries of deeds prove that Tishominko lived there at the time of the removal. The present landowners graciously allowed us to place a monument there in 2010.

There were so many wonderful and meaningful places to see while we were in the Homeland. I hope you all will get the opportunity to take a trip back to our Homelands and hear the stories of our people. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, (Until I see you again)
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# LIHEAP, energy assistance programs available as weather turns colder

**TIM COLBERT**
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

Leaves are beginning to turn, school is in session and autumn is setting in.

Once temperatures cool, winter is just around the bend. As the air gets colder, utility bills can increase. This increase may place a burden on many people, especially our honored elders.

The Chickasaw Nation honors our elders and offers several assistance programs to our older citizens who live both inside and outside tribal boundaries in an effort to help combat high utilities bills, enhance the quality of life and stay safe.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists individuals, who are income eligible, with home heating or cooling bills and/or energy assistance deposits for citizens who live in the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

The Emergency Energy Assistance Program helps Chickasaw citizens who may have an urgent need for assistance with a gas, propane, electric or water bill, or with utility deposits.

The Elderly Energy Assistance Program provides one-time assistance for winter heating bills and one-time assistance for summer cooling bills. This program is designed for our elder citizens.

For more information or for an application for any of these programs, contact any area office. Eight area offices are open to serve Chickasaw citizens in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Oklahoma City, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

Chose Services is yet another program designed to provide assistance with basic housekeeping duties for Chickasaw elders, as well as the Supplemental Wood Program, which provides wood to elders who use a fireplace or wood stove to heat their home in the winter months. More information about these programs can be obtained by visiting any Chickasaw Senior Site in Achille, Ada, Ardmore, Connerville, Duncan, Kullihoma, Madill, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is my privilege and an honor to serve you.

Best wishes for a blessed and safe autumn.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Tim Colbert
Tim.Colbert@chickasaw.net
(580) 421-7242

# Businesses continue good performance despite soft Oklahoma economy

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2016

**Tribal Government**

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $14.4 million for the month and $183.6 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $17.3 million for the month and $135.8 million year-to-date.

**Chickasaw Businesses**

Revenue net of gaming prizes through August totaled $1.3 billion. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $286.8 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $123.4 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

**Statement of Net Assets**

At August 31, 2016, the tribal government funds had $383.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $23.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $266.3 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of August 31, 2016, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $2.31 billion.

**Chickasaw Nation**
**Tribal Operations**
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**
**For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2016**

| | | Tribal Government | Chickasaw Businesses | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenues** | $ | 20,183,358 | 1,265,462,162 | 1,285,645,520 |
| Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government | | 163,417,277 | (163,417,277) | - |
| Total Funds Available | | 183,600,635 | 1,102,044,885 | 1,285,645,520 |
| **Expenditures** | | | | |
| General Government | | 6,440,575 | - | 6,440,575 |
| Legislature | | 2,739,446 | - | 2,739,446 |
| Judiciary | | 1,121,454 | - | 1,121,454 |
| Education | | 24,467,065 | - | 24,467,065 |
| Heritage Preservation | | 22,585,603 | - | 22,585,603 |
| Health | | 19,054,490 | - | 19,054,490 |
| Youth Services | | 5,865,995 | - | 5,865,995 |
| Family Services | | 13,111,116 | - | 13,111,116 |
| Nutrition Programs | | 6,927,494 | - | 6,927,494 |
| Regulatory | | 10,638,818 | - | 10,638,818 |
| Assistance Programs | | 22,895,901 | - | 22,895,901 |
| Gaming Expense | | - | 724,082,855 | 724,082,855 |
| Other Businesses' Expense | | - | 254,535,893 | 254,535,893 |
| Total Expenditures | | 135,847,958 | 978,618,748 | 1,114,466,706 |
| Increase In Net Assets | | 47,752,677 | 123,426,137 | 171,178,814 |
| Beginning Net Assets | | 818,638,319 | 1,322,439,260 | 2,141,077,579 |
| Ending Net Assets | $ | 866,390,996 | 1,445,865,397 | 2,312,256,393 |

**Chickasaw Nation**
**Tribal Operations**
**Statement of Net Assets**
**August 31, 2016**

| | | Tribal Government | Chickasaw Businesses | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash And Investments | $ | 383,948,455 | 266,313,154 | 650,261,608 |
| Receivables | | 9,983,200 | 95,917,178 | 105,900,378 |
| Inventory | | 69,733 | 7,305,639 | 7,375,372 |
| Prepaid Expenses | | - | 26,165,967 | 26,165,967 |
| Other Assets | | - | 1,078,139 | 1,078,139 |
| Fixed Assets | | 478,631,416 | 1,188,757,988 | 1,667,389,403 |
| Less Payables | | (6,241,807) | (139,672,667) | (145,914,474) |
| Net Assets | $ | 866,390,996 | 1,445,865,397 | 2,312,256,393 |

## My sincere thanks for the many great years at the Chickasaw Nation

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District.

As I say goodbye today to the position I have held for the last 17 years, I must give thanks to so many. First and foremost, I thank God for the opportunity to serve our Chickasaw people as one of the 13 Legislators. To Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw citizens, thank you for your faith in me.

**MARY JO GREEN**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

To all my fellow Legislators past and present, thank you for your support and teamwork. Thanks to three special friends, Dean McManus, Nancy Elliott and Toby Perkins who have listened to me so many times as we traveled the Chickasaw Nation together over the years.

To the wonderful legislative staff, thank you for all you have done for all of us, and I love and appreciate each and everyone of you. A special thank you to Robert Cheadle for his care and support every time I asked.

To the wonderful Chickasaw elders, thank you for your encouragement and for being such a blessing to me throughout my career at the Chickasaw Nation.

To Chickasaw citizens in Oklahoma and all across the U.S. and as well as several foreign countries, thank you for your support. Together we have seen the Chickasaw Nation grow to unbelievable heights. It is with a grateful and humble heart that I pass my torch to Lisa Johnson Billy to carry on with each of you and continue the Chickasaw legacy.

Thank you for the memories and the work we have accomplished together. I will never forget you, and I love you all. God bless the United States of America and the Chickasaw Nation!

Chipisala'cho!

Mary Jo Green

## Granddaughter captures an important bit of family history in project

Hello Everyone,

I hope you made it to Festival. It was sure good to see and talk to some of you there!

One of my favorite things is hearing your family stories. Recently, my granddaughter Kelli, an Oklahoma State University junior, interviewed me for a communications class assignment. She had been tasked with interviewing a family member about a life-changing event and writing a newspaper-style article describing the event.

**KATIE CASE**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I am so proud of Kelli's work and would like to share an excerpt from the article with you.

**All the Money in the World**

"Katie Case pinpoints the time when her Grandpa signed a deal for a $5,000 oil lease on their family's allotment land as a defining moment in her life, and in the lives of each of her family members.

In 1952, Case's grandfather requested his payment in $1,000 bills.

Two-Thousand dollars was given directly to Case's mother and uncle and the remaining $3,000 was spent on renovations to the family home and new, Navy blue, Ford pickup truck, but not before the grandkids got a chance to hold it.

Case, her brother and a cousin were all lined up and allowed to pass along and inspect a bill. She said she had never seen a bill with that many zeros on it.

Until that point in her life, Case said she had seen an occasional $1 or $5 bill, but personally dealt mostly in coins.

"I got a quarter a week for doing my chores, and it cost a dime to get into the movie, and a dime for a Coke and popcorn or candy bar. Then I had a nickel left over." she remembers.

"I thought that $1000 bill was probably all the money in the world," Case said.

She remembers one aunt taking a picture to mark the historic moment.

The money was then spent on things that Case said elevated the wellbeing of the family. It did practical things like pay bills and acquire transportation.

A portion of the share of the money that went to Case's home bought a large upright freezer. This allowed them to store meat they had butchered in their own home, as opposed to a meat locker rented in the nearest town.

More importantly, it enabled the family to more easily store ice cream. Case said her grandparents could both tell you the first time they had ice cream, so it was an amazing thing to be able to make and keep it in their own homes.

The freezer and all of its storage capacity still stands out as a way of bringing modern convenience home for her.

Additionally, money went toward upgrading the house on the family land. They added porches and her grandma was able to have built in cabinetry in the kitchen for the first time in her life."

Thanks to Kelli for capturing that bit of family history for all of us to enjoy!

If you need me, just give me a call.

Respectfully,

Katie

## September filled with lots of great events, plus visit down memory lane

September went by in a blur! So many activities, so little time… some of the highlights for the month were: a trip to the Homelands. Thank you to our guide, Dr. Brad Lieb and all who shared on the fascinating history of our people. The opening of our new CN Convention Center located adjacent to the Winstar Casino. The premier of Te Ata, a movie based on the inspiring true story of Mary Francis Thompson Fisher, an actress and citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Other highlights for September were picnics held by two of our Chickasaw Community Councils.

**BETH ALEXANDER**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

From left: Jeanie Carriglio, Jean Mead, Thelma Rose Mead Crook

North of the Chickasaw Nation, OKC held their annual picnic at the Devon Boathouse. I decided to head south to the North Texas Chickasaw Council picnic at the Bedford Boy's Ranch in Bedford, TX. It was nice to see so many new faces, eat fresh grilled burgers and make some new family connections.

While in the area, I headed over to Arlington, Texas to have a visit with Mrs. Thelma Rose Crook and her husband, Alton. Aunt Rosie as she is called by the family, was born and raised in the Panola District. She attended and graduated from Achille schools in 1949. Thelma Rose pointed out that her history in the Panola District runs deep. Her father, Walter Bradford Mead was an original enrolled #3348, and attended and graduated from Bloomfield Academy. His first wife was Carrie Mae Duckworth; his second wife was Byrdie Mae Hawkins. They were married in 1919 and had 8 children. (Jack, Effie, Howard, twins- Jean and Jimmie, Thelma Rose, Hearl and Roy) She is proud of her Chickasaw heritage. Many descendants of Walter and Byrdie still reside in the Panola District today!

Thelma Rose Mead (1942) 11 years old, Achille

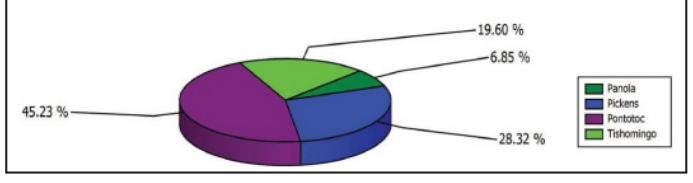
*"For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations." ~ Psalms 100:5*

Beth Alexander

**Count of Voters by District**

| District | Count |
|---|---|
| Panola | 2,204 |
| Pickens | 9,109 |
| Pontotoc | 14,544 |
| Tishomingo | 6,302 |
| Total | 32,159 |

**Voters by District**




## As a Chickasaw, you will always treasure your first Homelands trip

Chokma!

I'm sure everyone enjoyed our wonderful Chickasaw Festival with all the activities it has to offer during the fulfilling week of events, including the rich history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation. If we look at the culture of the Chickasaw Nation, there is no better place to start than our Chickasaw Homeland. The lands of our great ancestors in which they sacrificed so much for future generations.

**SCOTT WOOD**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I recently took my first trip back to the Chickasaw Homeland in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee and was astonished by the number of historic sites in these areas. Especially in Tupelo, Mississippi, where several battles took place against the French. The Battle of Hikki'ya' (Ackia) on May 26th 1736 in which almost 1200 French soldiers attacked the Chickasaw Fortress only to be defeated by a small number of Chickasaw warriors. Also at the Battle of Chokkilissa' (Old Town) in 1736, invading French soldiers were defeated by Chickasaw men with muskets, women with hatchets, and children with bows and arrows. Mountain leader Piominko's last home site is also in this area. In 1956 his grave was unearthed during street construction in Tupelo. Several of his belongings, along with his Presidential Peace Medal given to him by George Washington was uncovered. Unfortunately, these belongings are in the hands of a private collector. If you travel north of Tupelo it takes you to the home of the great Chief Tisho Minko or Tishomingo. Chief Tishomingo owned two sections of land in this area and spent his time farming until removal around 1839. He died during the removal to Oklahoma in Little Rock, Arkansas.

These were just a few of the historic sites in Tupelo, Mississippi. There were many Chickasaw campsites throughout this area. Once you go there, you can really understand why our people loved these lands. They have rolling hills that go on forever with creeks below them and with spacious open fields. It is a very peaceful and serene place that makes you want to stay and take in all it has to offer of our culture.

I've only touched on a few historic sites, there is so much Chickasaw history and culture in these states that you could spend weeks visiting all the sites. If you get a chance and want to experience a great and educating trip of a lifetime, visit the homeland of our people. I can't wait to go back!

It is my honor and privilege to be your Legislator. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Chipisala cho anowa, (Until I see you again)

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## Births

Maliyah Heromkv Reveles

Maliyah Heromkv Reveles was born at 10:28 a.m., June 4, 2016 at Integris Baptist Medical Center, Oklahoma City. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs., and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Karen Fish and Carmello Reveles, Sr., of Norman, Okla.

Her proud grandparents are Willie and Sue Fish, of Norman. She has four uncles, William Fish, Jered Fish and Eric Fish, all of Norman, and James Reveles, of El Reno, Okla. Her aunts are Caroline Reveles, of Norman, Rosa Tohee, of Red Rock, Okla., and Dena Reveles, of Stillwater, Okla.

Joslyn Rae Gervais

Joslyn Rae Gervais was born May 10, 2016 in Wyoming, Michigan to proud parents Tracy and Jason Gervais. She is the granddaughter of Deborah and Chris Lowe, Patti Curran, John and Sandra Gervais, and the late Keith M. Knorr.

Joslyn is of both Chickasaw and Chippewa decent.

## Graduations

Mariah Faith Porter

Alexander Prescott Norton is a 2016 graduate of Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. He received his bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in applied mathematics on August 12, 2016.

Alex is the son of Tommie Carolyn Vance and the grandson of Tom Norton, long-time member of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas.

His family very proud of Alex and grateful for the support and assistance from the Chickasaw Nation throughout his college career. Alex is currently seeking employment in the field of computer technology.

Andrea Suzanne Villavicencio

Andrea Suzanne Villavicencio is a 2016 cum laude graduate of Texas A&M Mays Business School with a bachelor's degree in business administration - finance. She was student of the year for Texas A&M Athletics' 12th man marketing.

She is the daughter of Danny and Debbie Villavicencio, of Ft. Worth, Texas; granddaughter of Howard and Shirley Tindall, of Kimball, Neb.; and great-granddaughter, of Howard, Sr. and Audrey Tindall, both deceased. Howard, Sr. is a member of the original Dawes roll.

Andrea and her family are extremely grateful for the support from the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Dept. and Scholarship program. Her family is also grateful for all the help she and her brothers received throughout high school and college.

Brandon P. Vann

Brandon P. Vann has earned a master's degree in business administration from Southern Methodist University.

All classes were on campus in Dallas requiring him to travel from Norman, Okla., to SMU every other Friday and Saturday for 20 months. Brandon earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Oklahoma.

He graduated from Norman High School where he was a member of an undefeated state champion basketball team. The team was ranked seventh nationally by USA Today.

He is employed by Bosque Systems as executive director of operations.

Mr. Vann is married to Kim Young Vann, formerly of Ada, Okla. His parents are Pat and Marilyn Vann, of Norman. Grandparents are Gordon and Helen Vann, of Kingston, Okla.

Mr. Vann's great-great-grandmother was Charlotte (Lottie) Willis, a Chickasaw. His great-great-grandfather was William Vann, a Cherokee.

## Congratulations

Laney Kate with Miss OKC Triana Browne-Hearrrel

Nine-year-old Chickasaw Laney Kate, of Bartlesville, Okla., with fellow Chickasaw and Miss OKC Triana Browne-Hearrel. The two young ladies were together recently to help raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Laney represents the state of Oklahoma as the Children's Miracle Network Champion Child. The fundraising event was conducted in partnership with Dairy Queen.

# Over 100 join in for annual Tuscumbia Walk of Life

**Park Superintendent Mary Risser and Robert Thrower, Poarch Creek Tribal Preservation Officer.** *Photo by Tony Turnbow, Natchez Trace Parkway Association.*

TUSCUMBIA, Miss. - Honored Guest Mary Risser, Park Superintendent of the Natchez Trace Parkway, led the Walk of Life this year as a Centennial Event of the National Park Service. Not far behind were four Poarch Creek Princesses, elder Mary Alice Murphy, senior Breanna Hall, junior Makenzie Martin and grade schooler Leah Rolin.

The event began at Tuscumbia Landing in Sheffield, a certified Trail of Tears site. The walk coincided with the 100-year anniversary of the National Park Service.

Robert Thrower, Poarch Creek tribal preservation officer, began the ceremony and recognized members of the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, Shawnee and Cree tribes. Chickasaw elder Robert Perry passed prayer feathers first to Natives and then to others to hang in the trees.

The weather was warm and humid. About 125 walkers began a Mini-Trail of Tears procession on the same road migrants where were hauled to the keelboats and steamboats at the Landing.

The first half of the walk is solemn as walkers meditate what ancestors endured. Then the musicians set a pace. Mississippi Choctaw Ralph Isaac beat his drum and David Walton played flute. Mr. Walton flew in from California the previous day for this event.

Halfway into the walk, the local Cub Scouts presented bottles of cold water and entered the Oka Kaposi Festival. This name means "cold water" in Chickasaw.

Tuscumbia is in the heart of the old Chickasaw homelands. The festival marked 16 years and was recognized as a Top 20 event in the Southeast last year. The festival requires federal Indian cards to demonstrate tribal culture or sell wares. Annie Perry is the founder and event coordinator since inception in year 2000. The event was funded by Tuscumbia Landing Trust.

The Walk takes about an hour and ends up at Spring Park in Tuscumbia to kick off the Saturday Festival. Entry to the Dance Circle was led in traditional fashion (counter-clockwise) by Chickasaw and Choctaw leaders. They sang "Amazing Grace" in their language and then in English as everyone joined in. The Festival lasted until 6 p.m., giving everyone an opportunity to watch traditional dances and enjoy an Indian Taco and learn Native Culture.

Submitted: Robert Perry, Chickasaw Elder

# Chickasaw Arts Academy students tour New York fashion industry

**Gabrielle Padilla and Rachel Adkins, June 2016 in New York City.**

NEW YORK - Two young Chickasaw Arts Academy fashion designers, Chickasaw Gabrielle Padilla and Rachel Adkins, traveled to New York in June for a rare opportunity to take courses at the esteemed Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT). The young ladies were selected for the experience after displaying talent in fashion.

The students traveled with their teacher and mentor, Chickasaw artist Margaret Roach Wheeler.

Gabrielle and Rachel shared class time with students from around the world.

"My class at the Fashion Institute of Technology was called Mannequin Madness," Rachel said. "In my four days of class, I had two projects and one field trip. The first project was called the paper project. The instructor put students into groups of three and the project was to create a garment entirely out of paper to the style of a brand, and using inspiration of the year the brand came out. My groups brand was Gucci and the year was the 1920s."

Each day after class, the trip would continue with all activities focused on fashion and history.

"I always gear it toward fashion," Ms. Wheeler said. "We go up to the fashion district, which is really close to FIT. We walk up there to what they call the 'finding stores.' They have buttons, zippers, everything to do with pieces that go on feathers, beads, and ribbon and everything. Aisles and aisles of them. Then we go to Mood Fabric store which is the one featured on Project Runway, and so they get to see that and it is aisles and aisles of, three floors of just fabric."

The students enjoyed elaborate costumes during the New York City Ballet and Broadway play Wicked. They visited the National Museum of the American Indian and the Metropolitan Museum of Art to explore exhibits including Manus X Machine exploring fashion in the age of technology.

"The trip to NYC was not only amazing, it was very educational," Gabriella said. "The city was extremely different from what I know; it was diverse and wide, and I loved every moment of it. Going to the Broadway shows in the evening was one of the best experiences I will know, as well as attending the ballet. I loved visiting the museums. Of course I can't forget how much I enjoyed my classes at FIT. The entire trip was an experience I do not want to forget, and at the drop of a hat I would gladly go again."

**Gabrielle Padilla begins a project in the textile design course during the 2015 Chickasaw Arts Academy.**

"I am very grateful for this opportunity to visit New York City and attend the Fashion Institute of Technology, Rachel said. "The things I learned from my class and the experiences I gained from this trip opened my eyes to all the possibilities the fashion industry has to offer. I will be able to use this information in my apparel design major classes at Oklahoma State University."

For more information about the Chickasaw Arts Academy, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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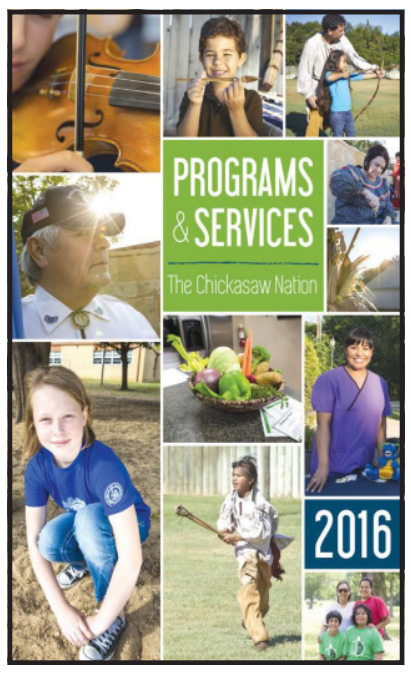
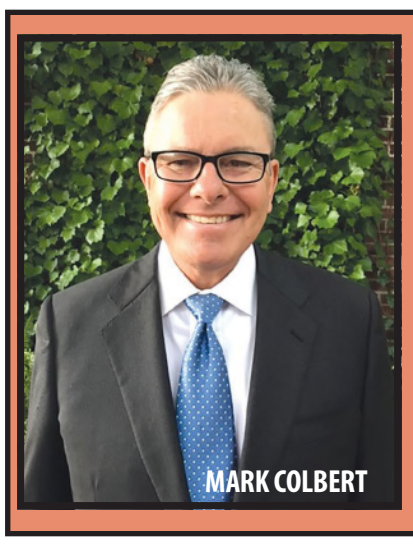







Thank you!

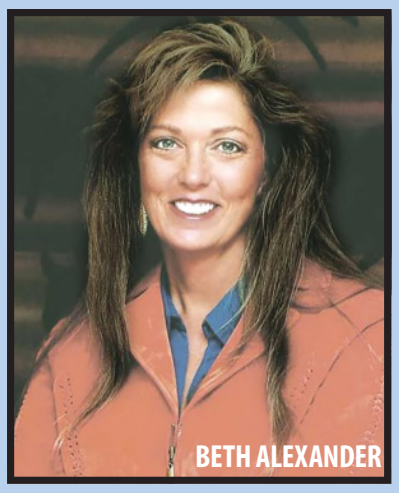
Many thanks for your vote. I look forward to continuing to serve you as a Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice.

Mark Colbert

Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Panola District voters for participating in our recent Panola District Tribal Elections. I am humbled and honored by your vote of support. It is my goal to be of service to our Tribal citizens and always treat those I come in contact with dignity and respect.

Beth Alexander



Thank you!

Thank you for re-electing me to our Chickasaw Legislature! I am proud to serve the people of Pickens District. Many thanks!

Linda Briggs




Thank you!

I appreciate your vote! Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your Tishomingo District representative. I'm honored you have sent me back to our legislature!

Tim Colbert

Thank you!

You have honored me by electing me to the Chickasaw Legislature. Thank you! I am excited to serve and look forward to representing the people of Pontotoc District!

Lisa J. Billy

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# LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

**CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**
**Legislative Special Session**
**Artesian Hotel, Spa and Casino**
**Sulphur, Oklahoma**
**August 15, 2016**

**AGENDA ITEM #1** **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
**AGENDA ITEM #2** **ROLL CALL**
**AGENDA ITEM #3** **INVOCATION**
**AGENDA ITEM #4** **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz

**GR33-052** Approval of the Water Settlement Agreement among the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the City of Oklahoma City, and the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust

**AGENDA ITEM #5** **ADJOURNMENT**

**CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**
**Legislative Session**
**Legislature Building**
**Ada, Oklahoma**
**August 19, 2016**

**AGENDA ITEM #1** **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
**AGENDA ITEM #2** **ROLL CALL**
**AGENDA ITEM #3** **INVOCATION**
**AGENDA ITEM #4** **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –** July 15, 2016
**AGENDA ITEM #5** **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
**AGENDA ITEM #6** **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**
**(A)** **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz

**GR33-034** Authorization and Approval of Forest Management Plan (As Amended)

**PR33-005** Amendments to Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules of the Legislature)

**(B)** **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Toby Perkins

**GR33-051** Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget – Fiscal Year 2017

**(C)** **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus

**GR33-050** Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

**(D)** **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

**GR33-047** Authorization and Approval of Agricultural Lease in Atoka County

**GR33-048** Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

**GR33-049** Agricultural Lease No. G09-1866 in McCurtain County

**AGENDA ITEM #7** **NEW BUSINESS** (Comments from Citizens)
**AGENDA ITEM #8** **ADJOURNMENT**

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Human Resources Committee · September 6, 2016***
**Present:** Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker
**Absent:** Shana Hammond, Dean McManus

***Court Development Ad Hoc Committee · September 6, 2016***
**Present:** Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Scott Wood, Connie Barker
**Absent:** David Woerz

***Committee of the Whole · September 12, 2016***
**Present:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Connie Barker
**Absent:** Steve Woods

***Finance Committee · September 12, 2016***
**Present:** Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Connie Barker
**Absent:** Steve Woods

# AUGUST 2016 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**
**Special Session**
**Artesian Hotel, Spa and Cassino**
**Sulphur, Oklahoma**
**August 15, 2016**

**AGENDA ITEM #1** **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.
**AGENDA ITEM #2** **ROLL CALL**
Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms; Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Guests present: Michael Burrage, Amanda Cobb Greetham, Stephen Greetham, Tony Choate, Dusk Monetathchi
**AGENDA ITEM #3** **INVOCATION**
Invocation was given by Mr. Perkins.
**AGENDA ITEM #4** **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz
**GR33-052** Approval of the Water Settlement Agreement among the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the City of Oklahoma City, and the Oklahoma city Water Utilities Trust
A motion was Made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR33-052.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-052 carried unanimously.
**AGENDA ITEM #8** **ADJOURNMENT**
The Legislative Special Session adjourned at 3:13 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Elliott, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw nation Tribal Legislature

**CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**
**REGULAR SESSION**
**Legislature Building**
**Ada, Oklahoma**
**August 19, 2106**

**AGENDA ITEM #1** **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
**AGENDA ITEM #2** **ROLL CALL**
Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms; Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Guests present: Judy Foster, Dana Lance, Michael L. Wingo, Dusk Monetathchi
**AGENDA ITEM #3** **INVOCATION**
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.
**AGENDA ITEM #4** **READING OF MINUTES -** July 15, 2016
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the minutes of July 15, 2106.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2016 carried unanimously.
**AGENDA ITEM #5:** **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
There was no unfinished business.
**AGENDA ITEM #6:** **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**
**(A)** **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair David Woerz
**General Resolution Number 33-034**, Authorization and Approval of Forest Management Plan
This resolution approves the Forest Management Plan submitted by the Chickasaw Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The purpose of this Forest Management Plan (FMP) is to provide long-term resource objectives on Indian lands within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. This FMP will provide ideas, goals, and management objectives to help determine which management alternatives, their environmental consequences, and a description of federal mandates in effect on the reservation that best fits the overall management desires of the Tribe.
This plan is an enabling document. It meets the public law and BIA regulatory requirements calling for proper management and resource protection which should be in place prior to activities commencing on the ground. It is broad (allowing flexibility), and for the most part non-regulatory.
A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR33-034.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-034 carried unanimously.
**Permanent Resolution Number 33-005** Amendments to Title 16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules of the Legislature)
This resolution approves amendments to the rules of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature. The amendments are respectful of and define the use of Robert's Rules of Order as provided by the Chickasaw Constitution.
A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR33-005.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve PR33-005 carried unanimously.
Mr. Woerz concluded his report.
**(B)** **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
**General Resolution Number 33-051**, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2017
This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2017 in the amount of $205,477,619.
A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve GR33-051.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-051 carried unanimously.
Mr. Perkins concluded his report.
**(C)** **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus
**General Resolution Number 33-050**, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.
A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR33-050.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-050 carried unanimously.
Ms. McManus concluded her report.
**(D)** **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
**General Resolution Number 33-047,** Authorization and Approval of Agricultural Lease in Atoka County
This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1876, for grazing purposes only, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, in Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 632.32 acres, more or less, in favor of Ewing and Donna Downen. The proposed lease will be for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2016, and expiring on December 31, 2018, with a per annum payment of $9,500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,375.00 per annum.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR33-047.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-047 carried unanimously.
**General Resolution Number 33-048,** Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County
This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, for Chickasaw Nation economic development. It is located at 1331 East Arlington, Ada, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR33-048.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo

Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-048 carried unanimously.
**General Resolution Number 33-049,** Agricultural Lease No. G09-1866 in McCurtain County
This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1866, for grazing purposes on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, containing 330.60 acres, more or less, in favor of Curtis Wheeler. The proposed lease will be for a three (3) year term beginning on January 1, 2015, and expiring on December 31, 2017, with a per annum payment of $3,250.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $812.50.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR33-049.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-049 carried unanimously
Ms. Briggs concluded her report.
**AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS** (Comments from Citizens)
Ms. Judy Foster commented on senior site wellness centers. Mrs. Alexander announced that Ms. Donna Hartman was video recording Chickasaws giving their family history. These documentaries were being archived at the Culture Center. She encouraged the Legislators to seek Chickasaws that wanted their family history recorded. Chairperson Barker announced the Chickasaw Day of Prayer would be held at the Cultural Center on Monday, August 22.
**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Elliott, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Seller, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

# SEPTEMBER 2016 RESOLUTIONS

**CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**
**General Resolution Number 33-052**
**Approval of the Water Settlement agreement among the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the City of Oklahoma City, and the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive and shall sign official papers on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation, with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, filed a federal court lawsuit ("Water Lawsuit") in 2011 against Governor Fallin, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the City of Oklahoma City, and the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust, which lawsuit sought declaratory and injunctive relief from ongoing State efforts to exercise unilateral and exclusive state law authority over and control of water resources throughout the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations' historic treaty territory, with particular relation to the waters of the Kiamichi Basin and Sardis Lake, which efforts the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations argued violated tribal rights secured by treaty and other federal law, and
WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma filed a state court lawsuit ("Stream Adjudication") in 2012 naming all claimants to water rights in the Kiamichi, the Clear Boggy, and the Muddy Boggy stream basins and specifically including the United States as trustee for the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations and individual allottees of both Nations, which lawsuit sought an adjudication of all property rights to water within the three identified basins, and
WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby, working closely with Choctaw Nation Chief Gary Batton and the joint tribal legal team, has negotiated terms with the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the City of Oklahoma City, and the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust ("Water Settlement") for a final and comprehensive resolution of claims associated with the Water Lawsuit and the Stream Adjudication, as specifically set forth in the Water Settlement, which terms establish a sovereign to sovereign framework for the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, enforceable under federal law and in federal court, to engage with the State on significant water resources matters relating to the historic treaty territory, with particular relation to Oklahoma City's use of waters from the Kiamichi, the Clear Boggy, and the Muddy Boggy stream basins, and
WHEREAS, given its relation to the Chickasaw Nation's claims to real property rights and interests, finalization of the Water Settlement will require approval by the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature, and
WHEREAS, given its relation to Chickasaw Nation trust assets and interests, finalization of the Water Settlement will require congressional action and approval by the United States Department of the Interior, and
WHEREAS, given the Water Lawsuit and the Stream Adjudication, finalization of the Water Settlement will require the entry of appropriate court orders, and
WHEREAS, approval of the Water Settlement by the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the State of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the City of Oklahoma City, and the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust must occur before congressional action, United States Department of the Interior approval, and entry of appropriate court orders can occur, and
WHEREAS, approval of the Water Settlement would be in the best interests of the Chickasaw Nation and its citizens.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature, having been fully apprised of the terms of the Water Settlement, hereby expresses its approval of those terms and support for Governor Bill Anoatubby's execution thereof, inclusive of the stated waivers of claims and limited waivers of sovereign immunity set forth therein, on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation and his taking such other steps as necessary to finalize and effectuate it in full.
Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on August 15, 2016, by a vote of __ayes, __nays, abstentions.
**Explanation:** This resolution approves the terms of the described Water Settlement and support for Governor Bill Anoatubby's execution thereof and taking such steps as necessary to finalize and effectuate it in full.
Presented by: Legislative Committee

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**
**General Resolution Number 33-053**
**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System**
**Ms. Judy Fisher**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VIII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation operates its own health system which functions under the auspices of a governing board, the members of which are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, and
WHEREAS Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Ms. Judy Fisher to fill the Member-at-large position on the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Ms. Judy Fisher to the member-at-large position of the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.
Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on September 16, 2016, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.
**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Judy Fisher to the Chickasaw Nation Health System Governing Board.
Presented by: Human Resources Committee

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**
**General Resolution Number 33-054**
**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System**
**Ms. Carolyn Nimmo**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VIII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation operates its own health system which functions under the auspices of a governing board, the members of which are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, and
WHEREAS, Governor Bill Anoatubby has appointed Ms. Carolyn Nimmo to fill the Pontotoc District position on the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Ms. Carolyn Nimmo to the Pontotoc District position of the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.
Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on September 16, 2016, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.
**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Carolyn Nimmo to the Chickasaw Nation Health System Governing Board.
Presented by: Human Resources Committee

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**
**Permanent Resolution Number 33-006**
**Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Domestic Relations and Families)**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and
WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation Child Support Services enforces orders from the State of Oklahoma as well as the Chickasaw Nation, and the State of Oklahoma recently amended their laws pertaining to interest rates on court-ordered child support and judgments for support as well as calculation of child support, and
WHEREAS, these amendments update specific provisions of Title 6 of the Chickasaw Code dealing with interest rates on court-ordered child support and judgments for support as well as calculation of child support in order to provide a more uniform method of calculating interest or child support and take into account children not previously accounted for in the child support calculations.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby adopts the following amendments to Title 6, Chapter 1, Sections 6-101.55 and 6-102.6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, all other sections and parts of sections to remain the same (additions are shown in red, deletions are stricken through). These amendments to the Chickasaw Nation Code shall become effective November 1, 2016:

"SECTION 6-101.55 INTEREST ON DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT AND ~~SUIT MONEYS PAYMENT~~ JUDGMENTS FOR SUPPORT.
Court-ordered past due child support payments and ~~court-ordered payments of suit moneys~~, judgments for support shall draw interest at the rate of ~~ten percent (10%)~~ two percent (2%) per year ~~from the date they become delinquent, and the interest shall be collected in the same manner as the payments upon which the interest accrues~~. Past due child support payments accruing after the establishment of the current support order, and judgments for support shall draw interest from the date they become delinquent.

SECTION 6-102.6 CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES.
C. The Court shall not take into account any stepchildren of such parent in making ~~the~~ a determination of child support, but in making such determination, the Court may take into account the reasonable support obligations of either parent as to only natural, legal, or legally adopted minor children ~~in the custody of the parent~~ for whom the parent is actually providing support.
E. The child support guidelines are as follows:

6. The amount calculated under section 6-102.6(C), and the amount of any preexisting court order for current child support for children not before the Court or for support alimony arising in a prior case shall be deducted from Gross Income to the extent payment is actually made under the order."
Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on September 16, 2016 by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
**Explanation:** This Resolution amends specific provisions of the Domestic Relations and Families Code dealing with interest on past due court ordered child support payments and judgments for support and the calculation of child support in order to provide a more uniform method of calculating interest or child support and take into account children not previously accounted for in the child support calculations. These amendments to the Chickasaw Nation Code shall be effective November 1, 2016.
Presented by: Court Development Committee
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"SECTION 6-101.55 INTEREST ON DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT AND JUDGMENTS FOR SUPPORT.
Court-ordered past due child support payments and, judgments for support shall draw interest at the rate of two percent (2%) per year. Past due child support payments accruing after the establishment of the current support order, and judgments for support shall draw interest from the date they become delinquent.
SECTION 6-102.6 CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES.
C. The Court shall not take into account any stepchildren of such parent in making a determination of child support, but in making such determination, the Court may take into account the reasonable support obligations of either parent as to only natural, legal, or legally adopted minor children for whom the parent is actually providing support.
E. The child support guidelines are as follows:
6. The amount calculated under section 6-102.6(C), and the amount of any preexisting court order for current child support for children not before the Court or for support alimony arising in a prior case shall be deducted from Gross Income to the extent payment is actually made under the order."

# Message from Chickasaw Princess Raechell Meely

RAECHELL MEELY, CHICKASAW PRINCESS 2015-2016

Chokma! Saholhchifoat Lauren John.

It has been an honor to serve the Chickasaw Nation as 2015-2016 Chickasaw Jr. Princess.

Time really does fly doesn't it? I feel like it was only yesterday when I was crowned Chickasaw Jr. Princess. It was a great and fun night, but the experience of being your princess was even better, because the journey was shared with Raechell and Lauren.

Thank you Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel for supporting us and the princess program throughout this year and past years. It's a great program!

Raechell, thank you for being the leader of our little group. You were always the one to show us how to behave properly and what we needed to do at events. I can't thank you enough for putting up with us and asking you to help us with our regalia time and time again. I envy your ability to get ready for an event in the car in no time at all.

Lauren, you are a great disc jockey. No matter what song came on you seemed to always know the lyrics. You also made a very good travel buddy. Always bringing something to entertain us all and being our little packer.

I want to thank my family for always being supportive. Mom and dad, you are always willing to take me to events and never complained, well most of the time. For all that you did for me this year makes you worthy of a thank you. Trevor, thank you for being my stress-reliever. You are the one who can help me feel better after a long day. I also want to thank my granny, Pauline Brown, for being a very good and fast seamstress. Whenever I need a Chickasaw dress, which is usually a rush, you can sew one together in a day or so and you don't complain about it.

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Yakoke!

Lauren John, 2015-2016 Chickasaw Jr. Princess

# Message from Chickasaw Jr. Princess Lauren John

LAUREN JOHN, CHICKASAW JR. PRINCESS 2015-2016

Chokma! Saholhchifoat Lauren John.

It has been an honor to serve the Chickasaw Nation as 2015-2016 Chickasaw Jr. Princess.

Time really does fly doesn't it? I feel like it was only yesterday when I was crowned Chickasaw Jr. Princess. It was a great and fun night, but the experience of being your princess was even better, because the journey was shared with Raechell and Lauren.

Thank you Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel for supporting us and the princess program throughout this year and past years. It's a great program!

Raechell, thank you for being the leader of our little group. You were always the one to show us how to behave properly and what we needed to do at events. I can't thank you enough for putting up with us and asking you to help us with our regalia time and time again. I envy your ability to get ready for an event in the car in no time at all.

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# Message from Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren Key

LAUREN KEY, LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW 2015-2016

Chumka!

Hello, my name is Lauren Key. I am your 2015-2016 Little Miss Chickasaw. I can't believe a year has come and gone. I have had an amazing year representing the Chickasaw Nation as Little Miss Chickasaw!

I want to give a big thank you to some of the important people that played a role in my success as Little Miss Chickasaw, the joys of traveling from the West coast to the East coast, getting to visit amazing places while representing our tribe, interacting with different tribes and meeting some really awesome people.

I would like to give a huge thank you to Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel for making the princess program possible. This program has not only taught me about my history, culture and language, but it has taught me about myself. It has given me strength and confidence I never knew I had. Thank you just isn't enough to express the gratitude I have for you ensuring this program happens each year.

One of the most important people in the program is Mary Hartley. You mean the world to us and every past princess. You have been such an inspiration to each and every one of us. You have made sure that we always have everything we need to do our very best. The countless hours that you have put into driving and staying up late for last minute changes. As young Chickasaw ladies, your dedication and commitment to the program is beyond appreciated. Words cannot express the gratitude my family and I have for you. We love you very much. We have shared some very comical times on our trips and at events. I remember when the radio was playing, we would be singing and you would mix up the lyrics from a totally different song than from what was playing. It was funny every time! Of course, the tale of the one sock on our final trip is a moment that brings a smile to my face every time I think about it. I guess it truly is a moment that you just had to be there to fully appreciate it. It makes me giggle! I will always remember our fun times and the adventures we've had throughout the year. You are the best and I will miss you very much.

I want to take this time to recognize my mother, Summer Jones! Mom you have been the absolute greatest. You have always been, not only by my side, but Jazlyn and now Isabella when it comes to running for Little Miss Chickasaw. Mom you have spent countless hours staying up late to make sure that I have everything I need for all of my trips. You even got up early to meet Mary in Stratford and you were always up late to come get me from Ada. You are my rock and I couldn't ask for a better supporter through my year as Little Miss Chickasaw. All the times you have pushed me to be my best and to strive for excellence also came with lots of fun and laughter. I won't forget when we were in Los Angles and we went to the beach, you got in the water about waist deep and you said it felt like the ocean was pulling you out farther and then a giant wave came in and knocked you over! Or the time we were all at the wax museum! Most of all getting our hands dipped in wax was really awesome! I will always cherish those times and the memories will forever be in my heart! I love you mom!

Raechell, oh the times we have had this year. You always knew when to be serious and do what needed to be done to accomplish that day's goals at the events. That doesn't mean it was all work and no play. We had some pretty good times. I never thought I could laugh as much as I have at any given time. Remember when we were at the wax museum and you took this hilarious picture next to Forrest Gump, it looked like you were asking him for some of his chocolate? I'll never forget when you brought Lori to the end of year trip. We didn't know it was her first time to fly. She was so nervous on the flight. In fact, she was so nervous she had my mom's hands sweating like it was her first time flying again. Mom was trying to get her to concentrate on the movie she had playing and not on what the plane was doing. She kept looking out the window as the plane would turn to one side and she would grab mom's hand. That made the trip well worth it. We've had some memorable times. I will miss spending the year with you and going to all these wonderful places.

Lauren, I had a great time getting to know you and spending time with you on our trips. We had a lot of fun times at Los Angeles and in Washington, D.C. Remember that time in Albuquerque when we were so thirsty and we went to every floor in our hotel just to find something to drink? I want to wish you the very best of luck in everything that you do and in your future endeavors.

In closing, I want to add that I have had the time of my life and will never forget my time as Little Miss Chickasaw. I will continue to strive to be the very best that I can, to always push myself to better things and to eventually become the Chickasaw Jr. Princess and then the Chickasaw Princess.

I want to tell the 2016-2017 Princess' they will represent one of the greatest Native American tribes in this United States of America. Good luck to you all. Thank you everyone for this great opportunity, enjoy the pageant and have a great evening!

Yakoke,

Your 2015-2016 Little Miss Chickasaw, Lauren Key

# Chickasaw Foundation to celebrate 45th anniversary

The Chickasaw Foundation will celebrate its 45th anniversary October 12.

The Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization established in 1971. Its mission is to preserve, promote and protect Chickasaw culture and develop a wide range of areas from historic preservation to education.

Eleven trustees serve on the board of the Chickasaw Foundation. They are Deanna Hartley-Kelso, chairman; Lisa John, vice-chairman; Matthew Chesnut, treasurer; Holly Easterling, assistant treasurer; Bill Lance, secretary; Kennedy Brown, chairman emeritus; and trustees Robyn Elliott, Tina M. Cooper, John Fryrear, Dr. Judy Goforth Parker and Kirk Perry. Chickasaw Foundation staff includes chief executive officer Johnna R. Walker; executive assistant Tracie Carter; program assistant Sherrill Martin; and administrative aide Meagan Waller.

Since the Chickasaw Foundation mission was established, the health and well-being of Oklahoma communities has been a top priority. The Foundation has donated to numerous local and national charitable organizations including the American Red Cross, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Salvation Army, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, House for Hope, City Rescue Mission and many other organizations.

The Foundation takes great pride in enhancing the community and helping individuals achieve their higher education goals. For nearly two decades, the Chickasaw Foundation has offered valuable scholarships to Chickasaw students.

Seeking to provide cultural opportunities within our communities, the Chickasaw Foundation also provides financial assistance to school groups wishing to visit the Chickasaw Cultural Center for the purpose of cultural education.

The Chickasaw Foundation supports numerous community nutrition initiatives focusing on the health and well-being of local youth. The Foundation has partnered with Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to provide high school students access to quality meals through food pantries, shelving, backpacks and carts in local schools.

The Foundation has also partnered with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to provide meals and snacks to students at the Chickasaw Children's Village, a residential and educational care facility for Native American children. It has also contributed to the relief and recovery efforts associated with disasters and crises, such as the May 2013 tornadoes.

# Tribe's Marietta manufacturing operation expanding

MARIETTA, Okla. - A new business acquisition by the Chickasaw Nation is expected to be a boon to Chickasaw Energy Solutions, a manufacturing facility in Marietta.

Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) has secured majority interest in Michigan-based Filtra-Systems Company.

"We believe this investment in Filtra-Systems is a great strategic investment for CNI and an excellent economic development opportunity for the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This collaboration offers the potential to build on the current success of Filtra, while also expanding operations and increasing employment opportunities at our facility in Marietta, Oklahoma."

CNI President and CEO David Nimmo said the adcition of Filtra-Systems was a great fit with CNI's Marietta plant.

"Manufacturing works best when you have significant runs through it that are the same, where you're not retooling, resetting things," Mr. Nimmo said. "We didn't have a product like that."

Filtra-Systems, Mr. Nimmo said, brings to the table the triple benefit of providing engineers, products and a market for the products.

Filtra-Sytems makes fluid filtration systems and air separator systems, all mandated in the manufacturing process by the Environmental Protection Agency. Filtra-Systems has 50 patents in the industry and its customer base is strong.

"It's all very much driven by EPA requirements and health and safety standards," Mr. Nimmo said. "Filtra-Systems has been in the business over 30 years and they are very good at it.

"They have a plant in Tennessee where they produce the larger items, so they can build bigger items there than we can in Marietta. We'll build the smaller items in Marietta."

The Marietta facility's equipment was refreshed a couple of years ago, Mr. Nimmo said, and few, if any, changes will be necessary.

"The Filtra-Systems folks have been down and looked at the equipment," he said. "We have some equipment that's even better than what they have."

Filtra-Systems engineers will monitor quality control and perhaps reconfigure some equipment on the plant floor to better produce the specific product lines.

The goal of the acquisition, Mr. Nimmo said, was quality growth.

"We believe the plant will grow and it's something we've wanted to do for a long time," he said. "It was a good story that the tribe was able to step in and acquire the Marietta plant and save a bunch of jobs. It will be a great story if we can grow that plant."

Patience, he said, was imperative.

"It takes time to shift from one manufacturing location to another," he said. "It's not going to be an overnight situation, but I believe it's going to be faster than the eighteen months we have in our financial models."

Filtra-Systems CEO Scott Bratten said he was excited by the prospects of the merger.

"We are thrilled with the Chickasaw team and to find new ways to expand our business," Mr. Bratten said. "We are confident that we can take our portfolio of proprietary products to an even larger customer base by working together."

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## Jack Ray

Jack Junior Ray, 88, of Ada, passed away peacefully of natural causes in his home while surrounded by his family during the afternoon of Friday, September 16, 2016. Jack was born in Clarita to Robert Leonard and Beatrice McCartney Ray in 1927.

After graduating from Clarita High School, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1945-1947. While in the service, he was selected to the All Navy Basketball team which won the Pacific Championship in 1947.

After completion of his military service, Mr. Ray entered East Central State College. Jack played on the East Central Tiger Basketball Team under Coach Mickey McBride from 1949-1952 and helped the Tigers to the NAIA finals with back-to-back appearances in the national tournament in 1951-1952. Ray was an all-conference selection his junior and senior seasons. "He ran our ball clubs on the floor," said McBride of Ray, "considered one of the most popular players ever at ECU."

Jack also played baseball for the East Central Tigers in 1949 as an infielder. He signed a professional contract in the summer of that year and played minor league professional baseball for four years for the Ada Herefords in the old Sooner State Leagues.

Ray spent two years touring with the Harlem Globetrotters, playing for the Trotters' opposing team, after he graduated from East Central.

Jack Ray's coaching career began at Vanoss. After two years there, he piloted Stonewall for one season. He then stepped to the helm at Oklahoma City Central, where he remained for four years. After two years at Pauls Valley, Ray took the head job at burgeoning Moore High School for eight seasons. Moore has claimed him their most successful basketball coach in history. He also coached baseball for 19 seasons.

In 1963, Jack Ray was honored by being selected to coach the South All-State Basketball Team. In 1977, Coach Ray was chosen to coach the Oklahoma basketball team in the annual Texas vs. Oklahoma Faith Seven basketball game in Shawnee. In 1979, Jack was selected as Oklahoma's basketball coach of the year and nominated for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association 'Coach of the Year'. Coach Ray was inducted into the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Hall of Fame in 1996; the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2012; and the East Central Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Billie McGuire; and a daughter, Angela Ray.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Steve Huston, Jennifer and Gordon Deen, and Julia and Bobby Roach; eight grandchildren, Stephenie Huston, John David Huston, Alex Deen, Austin Deen, Jackson Deen, Shelby Graham, Brandon Clifton and Kiely Deen; eight great-grandchildren, Laylah Huston, Sari Huston, Mia Huston, Jase Huston, Emma Graham, Miri Huston, Ellis Truett, and Eli Graham.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Vicki Collins officiated. Burial followed at Moore Cemetery near Clarita. The Chickasaw Honor Guard conducted military honors at the cemetery.

Bearers were Gordon Deen, Austin Deen, Jackson Deen, Brandon Clifton, John David Huston, and Danny Baker. Honorary bearers were Kelly Campbell, Mike Thompson, and Punk Thompson.

The family would like to give special thanks to McCortney Family Hospice for their loving care during this time.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

## William Arthur Willis

William (Bill) Arthur Willis was born March 25, 1945 in Oklahoma City to Arch Leonard Willis and Elsie May (Quillen). He passed away August 26, 2016 in Oklahoma City at the age of 71.

Bill grew up in Bethany and worked on ranches with his dad in Osage County and Northeast Oklahoma. His family traveled a lot, so Bill attended 12 different schools from elementary to high school. His father started out in the oil fields which left Bill with his mother, a waitress, at Aunt Carm's Café and Billiard Hall. He loved the billiards but didn't like the café life with his mom and her sister.

Bill's father, Art, left the oil fields and worked in the stockyards where Bill learned how to sell cattle and make a living that way running the chutes. Art left the stockyards and became a rancher full time slowly building up his own herd of cattle. The family worked on some prestigious ranches including Lyndon B. Johnson's ranch where Art ran the cattle, Elsie cooked for all of the men, and Bill went to school and fell in love with horses while working with his dad.

They eventually settled in Osage county, where Art and Elsie met and fell in love. Elsie was quoted as saying; "that Art arrived to town on horseback, and he was the most beautiful as any movie star, and Bill was just as good looking." Elsie was as beautiful as any movie star and Bill was just as good looking.

Bill graduated from Shindler High School, class of 1963 as a B+ student. He excelled in math and science and earned an associate's degree from Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee. He was 21 when he enlisted in the army by choice. He served two years in Vietnam, with the 2/34th armor "Dreadnoughts" and made Sergeant in less than a year. He left the Army as a skilled E5 scathed and unharmed. His love for rodeo, especially bull riding, began when he was a kid and he took it to the professional level competing in the IRA for years. At one time, he owned a plane and flew to rodeos all over North America. It was at a rodeo that he met his one and only wife of 42 years, Lynda Faye. She was working the entry books for a rodeo and Bill showed up. It wasn't long until they married and he gave up rodeo to raise their son, Brandon Jake (Little Beaver), work at OG&E, and coached the Luther High School Lady Lions fast pitch softball team when they didn't have a coach. He took no pay for that job.

He later retired from OG&E and went to work for Academy in the hunting and fishing department. He was the winner of the prestigious Pope and Young award for his trophy 14-point whitetail. In a Bass circuit he won the Big Fish Award and came home with a brand new bass boat as the prize. He joined Academy, then Sportsman's, and back to Academy where he loved seeing old friends and making new ones. He was an avid sportsman, loved the rodeo, enjoying bull riding, bronc riding, and bareback riding. He often enjoyed fishing trips with his grandchildren to Corpus Christi, where they fished off the pier.

He was a Chickasaw Elder and proud of his Chickasaw Heritage. Bill was an incredible man with an inspiring zest for life and an amazing spirit that affected many in such a positive way.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Armedia Thomas. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Lynda (Lewis) Willis, of the home; daughter, Amy and her husband, Chris Spalek, of Corpus Christi; son, Brandon Willis and his partner, Gino Ghiglione, of Wellston; three grandchildren, Cole, Creed, and Koi; and many other family and friends.

His funeral was at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at the Lehman Funeral Home Chapel with interment following in the Wellston Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Lehman Funeral Home of Wellston.

## Eula Belle Ahl

"Belle" Ahl of Garland, Texas, passed away August 24, 2016, at age 90. She was born Eula Belle Love on February 26, 1926, in Mead, Okla. Her parents were Lauta Overton Love and Mittie Ethel (Branstetter) Love.

She moved from Oklahoma to Carlsbad, N.M., where her mother and brother had moved. This was after she divorced her first husband, James Wiley Paddock. They had one son, James Michael Paddock. After a few years of living in New Mexico, she married a very good man, Harold Lee Ahl, Jr. Together they had her second son, Kenneth Wade Ahl.

She and her husband lived in Carlsbad for about 17 years. Then they moved to Monahans, Texas. After retiring they moved to Payson, Ariz., for a while, before settling in Truth or Consequences, N.M. They lived there until 2012 when Harold died and she moved to Garland, Texas, to be with her oldest son and his wife.

She was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and loved Bible study. She was a very good teacher and helped many come to a personal relationship of God. In each of the congregations where she lived, she was known as a kind, welcoming person. Her home was always open for visitors and relatives. She has very special friends spread all the way from Arizona to New York.

She loved young people, and her grand-children and great-grand-children were especially dear to her heart. Her face would light up anytime one of her relatives or friends would visit her in the nursing home or at the hospital. She had a great sense of humor and really enjoyed playing games. The joke was that she would say she had forgotten how to play a certain card game and then win every game.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Lee Ahl, Jr.; her son, Kenneth Wade Ahl; and 10 of her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her son, James Michael Paddock; her grand-children, Michael Devin Paddock, Krista Janee Kraushaar, and Troy Wade Ahl; three great-grand-children, Lauren Mykal Sanchez, Kaitlyn Love Kraushaar, and Alexander James Kraushaar; and one brother, Iman Love, of Midwest City, Okla.

She was proud to be a Chickasaw, and of her family's history in connection with the tribe. Her father, Lauta Overton Love, was an original enrollee of the tribe. She has passed her Chickasaw heritage down to her children, grand-children, and great-grand-children.

## Marvin 'Merv' T. Tabor, Jr.

Marvin T. Tabor, Jr. was born July 21, 1945, in Oklahoma City to Captain Marvin T. Tabor, Sr., U.S. Air Force and Betty Jane Tabor. His struggle with ALS ended on August 13, 2016, surrounded by his family at home in Gainesville, Georgia.

He was proud of his U.S. Air Force service in Vietnam and of his Chickasaw Native American heritage; his grandmother, Rhoda Tabor, was an original enrollee on the Dawes Roll.

He retired from Airborne Express after 27 years, as VP of Field Services. After retirement, he became an Enrolled Agent and owner of North Georgia Tax Solutions, as well as serving his community and church in numerous capacities.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene, of 49 years of marriage; two sons, Eric and his wife, Sherry, of Suwanee, Ga., and Ryan and his wife, Victoria, of Brentwood, Tenn.; five grandchildren that were his delight, Jack, Landon, Ava, Addison, and Kate; brother, Jim of Corpus Christi, Texas; three sisters, Edee of Tulsa, Okla., Sue Lynn and husband, Tom Warren, of Tulsa, Okla., Rhoda Kay and husband, Tom Eastes, of Florence, Texas; and numerous cherished nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

He was interred at the Georgia National Cemetery, 1080 Veterans Cemetery Road, Canton, Georgia 30114. Services were at the First Baptist Church of Canton, 1 Mission Point, Canton, Georgia 30114, on August 26, 2016, at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the ALS Association, hospice or charitable organization of your choosing.

Online condolences can be made at www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com. Memorial Park North Riverside Chapel 989 Riverside Drive, Gainesville, Georgia 30501. 770.297.6200

## Timothy Mark Byars

Timothy Mark Byars, 56, passed away on August 13, 2016 at the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City. He was born on January 15, 1960 in Talahina, Okla. to Harrison Byars and Juanita (Holden) Byars.

He grew up in this area and graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1978 and attended Murray State College for a short time. He married Elaine Wagon on June 15, 1995 in Connerville, Okla. Mark has worked in the transportation department for the Chickasaw Nation for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Joseph Cardinalle, and Bear Byars.

Mark is survived by his wife, Elaine of the home; four sons, Harrison Byars, of Tishomingo, Terry and James Byars, of Ravia, and Wayne Park, of Tupelo, Okla.; two daughters, Falesha Ferrari, of Ada, Okla., and Michelle Park Factor, of Connerville; four brothers, Buck Byars and Annie, of Ada, Mike Reed, of Pontotoc, Michael Perkins, of Tishomingo, and Daniel Cardinalle, of Ada; five sisters, Linda Carter, of Ada, Emma Wilson and Rick, of Latta, Carol Factor and James, of Tishomingo, Christie Chavez and Luther, of Ravia, and Michelle Byars and Pedro Saucedo, of Tishomingo; grandchildren, Damien Kemp, Elijah Byars, Nikona and Gunter Ferrari, Lexi Cardinalle and Kymberlee Peden; and other relatives and friends.

Services for Mr. Byars was on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 2:00 p. m. in the Herb Clark Memorial Chapel in Tishomingo, Okla. with Brother Allen Beck officiating, assisted by Brother Randy Wade. Interment followed in the Seeley Cemetery.

Pallbearers for the service were: Michael Perkins, Hotshot Baken, Willard Frazier, James Factor, Josh Factor, Daniel Cardinalle, and Rick Wilson.

## Joyce Corrine Foraker

Joyce Corrine Foraker, 86, of Maysville, Okla., passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at her home in Maysville with her family by her bedside.

She was born July 13, 1930 to Simon J. and Ida (Anderson) Nelson in Durant, Okla. She attended school at Sunnyside, a rural grade school, and O.P.C. (Oklahoma Presbyterian College) in Durant before graduating from Chilocco Indian School, located 6 miles north of Newkirk, Okla., in 1949. She married Bob Foraker, also a Chilocco graduate, on July 5th, 1949. They made their first home in Seminole, Okla. (Bob's home town). Joyce was a wonderful wife, mother and homemaker. She loved to cook, sew, read, and attend her children's school activities. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Seminole where she enjoyed helping with Vacation Bible School each summer.

In 1963 Bob and Joyce moved their family to Maysville. Joyce then became an active member of the First Baptist Church in Maysville. She continued to do what she loved, making a home for her family. Joyce enjoyed and loved all the holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas. She would cook and bake everyone's favorite holiday foods. She loved shopping for shoes, and attending her Chilocco Alumni Reunions where she could visit with her classmates and other friends she had made through the years.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Bob of the home; her daughters, Sandra Newby and her husband, Ron, of Marlow, Diane Hall, of Pauls Valley; her sons, Bobby Foraker and his wife, Vickie, of Maysville; Phillip Foraker, of Purcell; her grandchildren, Julie Harris and husband Kirk, Josh Newby and wife, Starla, Keith Foraker and wife, Brooke, Kevin Foraker and wife, Kati; six great-grandsons, one more (Koleman) who will be here in December; one sister, Mary Jane Fadley, of Sonora, Calif., and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends made throughout the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandsons, Kyle Foraker, and Barrett Hall; sisters, Florence Franklin, Pauline Redwine, Mildred Rinehart, Margaret Rhodd, Patricia Butler, LaVonne Gilliland, Wetanah Barker, and Juanita Nelson; brothers, Sam Nelson, S.E. (Hooky) Nelson, and John Henry Nelson.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations may be made to the Oklahoma Children's Home at: OBHC, 3800 North May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, Note – In Memory of Joyce Foraker, c/o Bob Foraker, PO Box 301, Maysville, OK 73057

Funeral services were on Friday, September 9, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Maysville with Rev. Chris Thorman and Bro. Mike Deviney officiating. Burial followed at the Maysville Cemetery under the direction of John W. Williams of Winans Funeral Home, Maysville, OK. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.winansfuneralhome.com

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